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Police on alert as hurricane Florence sweeps into Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Police and firefighters were on alert as hurricane Florence swept into the US state of Louisiana from the Gulf of Mexico today, felling trees and power lines and leaving thousands of homes without electricity.

Local officials reported no serious injuries or damage but emergency services in New Orleans remained on standby throughout the night as the storm headed towards the southern coast.

"Florence is being a real lady," said Luke Petrovich, head of local government in Plaquemine parish, which lies along the Mississippi River between New Orleans and the coast.

"Nobody's hurt, nobody's dead, and there's no serious damage to public or private property, but we don't have any lights."

Len Bucklin of the National Weather Service said the hurricane had winds of 80 miles (130 km) an hour, gusting up to 92 miles (148 km) an hour along the coast.

Evacuated

New Orleans city spokeswoman Jinx Broussard said 37 shelters had been opened for residents evacuated from low-lying areas.

"We don't know if it's coming over us or just past us, but we're ready," Broussard said.

Sheriff's deputies patrolled the city's streets offering homeless people free rides to shelters.

Power company spokesman Mike Sanders said scattered power cuts throughout the region had left about 13,000 homes without power but most were in areas that had been evacuated.

Authorities in Louisiana and Mississippi moved more than 20,000 people from low-lying coastal areas.

Preparations

Bob Broccamonte, in charge of emergency preparations in St Bernard parish southeast of New Orleans, said 3,000 sandbags were being distributed to residents and more were being filled by inmates in the parish jail.

"We're fastening down everything we can," he said.

Road blocks were set up to keep residents and looters out of evacuated areas in St Bernard, sheriff Jack Stephens said.

Negotiators agree on a plan to end UK postal strike

LONDON, Sept. 10, (AP): Negotiators for the post office and striking union members reached a tentative agreement yesterday to return 90,000 postal workers to their jobs after nine-day-old nationwide strike, post office officials said.

But after day-long talks with the executive council of the Union of Communication Workers, General Secretary Alan Tiffin said "a number of points" needed to be clarified over the weekend. Union leaders will meet with their negotiators on Monday to reconsider the agreement, he said.

"There can be no misunderstanding between the post office and ourselves," said Tiffin.

Documents
Bill Cockburn, managing director of the post office, approved the pact earlier yesterday, said a post office spokesman.

"The document calls for ending the strike as soon as possible," said the spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said it also schedules further talks on the strike's central issue of bonuses paid to new recruits in London and southeast England, where the cost of living

is higher than the rest of Britain. The union, which represents most of the service's 180,000 workers, wants the bonuses paid throughout Britain or not at all.

More than 100 million pieces of mail remain unsorted by the 90,000 sorters and deliverers who walked off their jobs in a 24-hour work stoppage Aug. 31. It mushroomed into huge wildcat strike after post office officials hired temporary workers to sort the mail.

Dispute

Meanwhile, post office counter workers, who belong to the same union but have not been involved in the current dispute, said yesterday they had taken a strike vote over a different issue, but their postal ballots became lost in the backlog of unsorted letters.

The union's 22,000 counter workers had voted whether to strike over the issue of 750 post office branches due to be shut or converted into private postal sub-offices, said a union official.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the results of the ballot on a strike were to have been announced early next week but had been postponed.

Olmi wins the Golden Lion

VENICE, Italy, Sept. 10, (Reuters): Italian director Ermanno Olmi won the Golden Lion award at the Venice film festival yesterday for his "Leggenda del Santo Bevitore" (Legend of the Holy Drinker).

The film, based on a book by Austrian author Joseph Roth, who died of alcohol poisoning in Paris in 1939, tells the story of a tramp in the city during the 1930s who is given a loan, becomes wealthy, but is frustrated in his attempt to pay back the debt.

Olmi, 57, who began his career making short documentaries, had been widely tipped to win the award for the film, shown earlier in the festival and starring Dutch actor Rutger Hauer as the tramp.

Best actor

His last major award was in 1978 when he won the Golden Palm in Cannes for his "L'Albero degli Zoccoli" (Tree of Wooden Clogs).

The 10-member jury, who judged 22 films over the 12 days of the festival, awarded the prize for the best actor jointly to Americans Don Ameche and Joe Mantegna for their roles in David Mamet's "Things Change."

The best actress award was also a joint presentation to Isabelle Huppert for her role in the French film "Une Affaire de Femmes" (A Women's Affair) directed by Claude Chabrol, and American Shirley Maclaine in John Schlesinger's "Madame Sousatzka".

A gold medal award for a film "Underlining Civil Progress and Human Solidarity" went to "Caro Gorbaciov" (Dear Gorbachev) directed by Carlo Lizzani, and the award for best direction went to Theo Angelopoulos of Greece for "Topio Stin Omihli" (Countryside in Mist).

Bush raps Dukakis' views on Star Wars

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, (Agencies): Republican presidential candidate George Bush ridiculed Democrat Michael Dukakis' views on "Star Wars" yesterday, while Bush's running mate Dan Quayle ran into an unfriendly welcome at a steel plant.

"Does he believe in defence against strategic missiles or doesn't he?" Bush asked in a speech to the Illinois state federation of Republican women. "I've tried to be fair and accurate as to my opponent's positions, but lately they seem to have been shifting so rapidly it's sometimes hard to keep up."

Dukakis said on Thursday in Kentucky that he would consider deploying the Strategic Defence Initiative, dubbed Star Wars, if research showed it would work and if it were essential to the national interest.

He also said he would sharply cut SDI spending — set at \$4.1 billion by Congress in a defence spending bill recently vetoed by President Reagan — and that deployment of the system would violate the anti-ballistic missile treaty with the Soviet Union.

Abrogated

Dukakis aides later explained the treaty could be abrogated if SDI were deemed vital to US interests.

In Ohio, Quayle was met by protesters and by workers wearing Dukakis-Bentsen T-shirts when he arrived yesterday to tour a steel plant.

One steelworker, Vietnam veteran Eugene Autry, carried a

sign saying, "draft dodger Quayle, who died in your place?" — a reference to Quayle's service in the National Guard in Indiana during the Vietnam war.

Quayle was politely received when he spoke to the employees of the Mercury Stainless Corp. Dukakis-supporting workers said plant management had asked them to be polite.

Quayle told the group he had worked with President Reagan's administration to reach voluntary restraint agreements that resulted in reduction of steel imports from foreign countries.

Dukakis received a friendly greeting on a visit to a General Motors Corp. engine plant in New York state. He hammered at Bush's comment last week that a recent rise in the number of unemployed was "statistically irrelevant."

Relevant

"On Nov 8, he's going to find just how relevant they are," Dukakis said, referring to the election date.

Dukakis also recalled a remark Bush made while in the Soviet Union that Soviet workers could give American workers a lesson in quality. "Those Republicans in Washington love to blame American workers first," Dukakis said.

Bush on Thursday witnessed the destruction of nuclear weapons missile engines, then later criticised Dukakis for his past support of a freeze on nuclear weapons. "He wanted to restrain us, not the Soviet Union," Bush said.

Defamation bill resisted

Indian press rises in protest

NEW DELHI, Sept. 10, (AP): Indian journalists are shutting down newspapers and marching on Parliament to protest a proposed law they say will curtail press freedom.

The protest is aimed at the defamation act, a bill currently before Parliament that could severely affect investigative and political reporting.

Allegations

The proposed law calls for prison sentences of up to two years for publication of "scurrilous" allegations of criminal wrongdoing by public officials. It also shifts the burden of proof from the plaintiff to the press in defamation cases, bans reporting of meetings from which reporters are officially barred and requires reporters to prove their stories are true and "for the public good."

The government says the proposed legislation will stop "scurrilous" allegations against public officials and protect people's honour and privacy.

But newspapers, unions, lawyers and opposition politicians contend the measure is merely censorship in disguise, another attempt to prevent publication of reports critical of a government whose popularity has tumbled.

"Certain documentary information has reached the hands of the country's top media personalities, so damning and explosive that if published could destabilise the government," the independent weekly newspaper Sunday Mail said.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is required to call new elections by January 1990. One poll, conducted by the respected political



Vice-President George Bush, surrounded by supporters, waves to a campaign tour in Illinois (above) and Dukakis has his arms raised by platform officials in a meeting in Dallas. (Reuter wirephoto)



Iranian immigrant Mehرداد Imani, 32, a registered alien who lived in Los Angeles, died today after being admitted yesterday in critical condition to the burn centre at New York University Hospital, the hospital said.

67 hurt in a day of rioting in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 10, (UPI): Argentina's largest trade union confederation has called a new general strike to protest a government austerity programme that hiked inflation 27 per cent last month and police repression of anti-government demonstrations sparked by the economic hardship.

At least 67 people were injured, four of them seriously, during a day of rioting yesterday in the aftermath of an eight-hour general strike. The violence was the worst political and labour unrest since President Raul Alfonsín ended the South American country's military rule when he took office in 1983.

Walkout

Saul Ubaldini, Secretary-General of Argentina's General Labour Confederation, which is dominated by the opposition Peronist Party, called for a 24-hour nationwide job walkout to begin on Monday and blamed the violence that followed an anti-government rally and the general strike yesterday on "brutal repression" by police.

But television broadcasts and reports from independent witnesses indicated that police held back for nearly an hour before stepping in to halt vandalism at shops in downtown Buenos Aires by Peronist demonstrators, who later began to fight among themselves with clubs and rocks.

Other witnesses said they saw members of right-wing groups attack a column of marchers from the Argentine Communist Party.

Hundreds of the demonstrators were armed with four-foot-long (1.2-m-long) poles, which they used to smash store windows, battle police and spar with each other. The rioters also set bonfires in the streets of the capital.

Police in steel helmets and combat fatigues charged the demonstrators with batons, tossed gas grenades and fired streams of water from armoured vehicles, while mounted infantry and armoured cars formed a ring around the presidential palace just four blocks from the rioting.

The rampaging throngs hurled at least nine cars and shattered the windows of scores of shops, banks and government offices. The office of Pluna Airlines, the Uruguayan national airline, was gutted.

Witnesses said they saw people walking in the open with stolen guitars, overcoats and handbags of records. Others broke into coffee shops and grabbed sandwiches and rolls, according to the accounts.

The eight-hour strike, from noon to 8 pm, paralysed industry, banking and public transportation throughout Argentina and closed most public offices.

The walkout was the 12th general strike called by the Labour Confederation to protest Alfonsín's economic austerity policies. It was detonated by an economic stabilisation package announced early last month, which among other effects increased the cost of the imported goods that many Argentines buy in large quantities.

Iranian immolates himself in protest

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 10, (AP): An Iranian died today, hours after he set himself ablaze outside the United Nations in protest against Tehran's execution of dissidents in his homeland, authorities said.

Mehرداد Imani, 32, a registered alien who lived in Los Angeles, died today after being admitted yesterday in critical condition to the burn centre at New York University Hospital, the hospital said.

Imani immolated himself across from the UN headquarters building yesterday, as hundreds of other Iranians, in a nearby park, protested political executions in their homeland.

The rally was organised by the People's Mujahadeen, an Iranian group seeking the overthrow of the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Obviously

"This was the action of a man who would want to do this, but you cannot ever say, because it is a (result of) a feeling of frustration," Sedaghat said, adding Imani did not have membership in the group.

"I don't know of anyone else who would want to do this, but you cannot ever say, because it is a (result of) a feeling of frustration," Sedaghat said, adding Imani did not have membership in the group.

Imani was well-known in the Iranian community as an anti-Khomeini activist. He and other Iranians flew yesterday from Los Angeles to New York, Sedaghat said.

Berri wants reconciliation before polls

DAMASCUS, Sept. 10, (Reuters): "Lebanese" Shi'ite Muslim leader Nabih Berri said today that national reconciliation and an agreement on political reforms should precede Lebanon's delayed presidential election.

"Before reconciliation, I do not think there will be any election in Lebanon," he told reporters after attending a two-hour meeting with Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam with four other Lebanese leaders.

Diplomats described the delegation as the most powerful Lebanese group to visit Damascus since Aug. 18 when the Lebanese Parliament failed to find a quorum to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends on Sept. 23.

In addition to Berri, it comprised Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, Sunni Muslim leader Omar Karami, Elie Hobeika, ousted leader of the Christian Lebanese Forces militia, and Robert Franjeh, son of former President Suleiman Franjeh.

"We firmly believe that no election can be held without a pre-agreement," Berri said. "If some believe there is no time for reforms before an election, we say there will be no time for an election before conducting reforms."

Asked when Parliament might meet again to elect a President, he replied: "An election session can be held, but this can only be done through agreement by all sides."

Walking skeletons

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 10, (Agencies): Sudan's catastrophic famine is killing hundreds of people each week at relief camps and hundreds of survivors are little more than "walking skeletons," relief workers say.

"The bells of the Apocalypse started to toll," the French medical organisation Médecine Without Borders said in a dramatic report distributed to diplomats and aid workers.

The report was based on first-hand accounts from members of the medical group working in the Al Meiram refugee camp in southern Sudan.

A traveller who returned to Nairobi yesterday from the Al Muglad camp, 420 miles (675 km) southwest of the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, said those who remained alive were in critical condition.

"The survivors were little more than walking skeletons," the traveller said.

An influential southern Sudanese politician said earlier this week that 8,000 people had died of hunger during the past five weeks in the town of Awel near the Al Muglad camp. He said the famine has killed 50,000 people this year in southern Sudan.

The stricken region is the site of a five-year civil war pitting African Christians from the south against troops loyal to the Khartoum government.

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Beijing to exercise prudence in missile sales

US-China agreement on satellites

SHANGHAI, China, Sept 10, (AP) US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci ended a five-day visit to China today after receiving Chinese expressions of gratitude for a decision to permit the Chinese to launch American satellites.

Carlucci, speaking to reporters at the Wusong naval facility in Shanghai, said he told Chinese National Defence Minister Qin Jiwei today of the launch decision, which he had recommended.

"He was most pleased with that," Carlucci said.

Approval
The decision by President Reagan must be approved by the US Congress and Western allies.

The satellite issue was the second point of friction smoothed over during Carlucci's first visit to China.

On Thursday in Beijing, he told a news conference that he was "fully satisfied" with Chinese explanations that it would exercise prudence in its sales of

arms, particularly missiles, to the Middle East and other areas of the world.

Carlucci and Defence Department officials refused to say if that statement meant a change in Chinese arms sales policies.

Carlucci only said his talks were "the best discussions we've had" on the subject.

The United States has said it was concerned that Chinese sales of medium-range missiles to Saudi Arabia and proposed sales to other Middle East countries would upset the military balance in that volatile region.

Qin Jiwei and other military officials told reporters that Chinese arms sales were small compared to those of the United States and were carried out in a responsible way.

In Washington, the Reagan administration yesterday announced it would give export licences for satellites manufactured by Hughes Aircraft to be launched into orbit aboard China's Long March rocket.

These satellites were slated to be launched for Australia and Hong Kong companies.

Hong Kong-based Asiasat is to put a satellite in orbit next year, while Aussat from Australia will launch two satellites in 1991 and 1992 using the Chinese service.

Case-by-case

Reagan said further licences would be granted on a case-by-case basis, depending on US-China agreements on technology transfer safeguards, protection of US commercial launching interests from unfair Chinese pricing and definition of liability.

US businesses trying to establish launching services have complained that the government-supported Chinese hooster service could price them out of the market.

Carlucci said that during his talks with Qin and Premier Li Peng, the Chinese "indicated to me the importance they attached to this" satellite issue.

"I indicated some of our concerns and they responded very positively in terms of their willingness to discuss our concerns," he said.

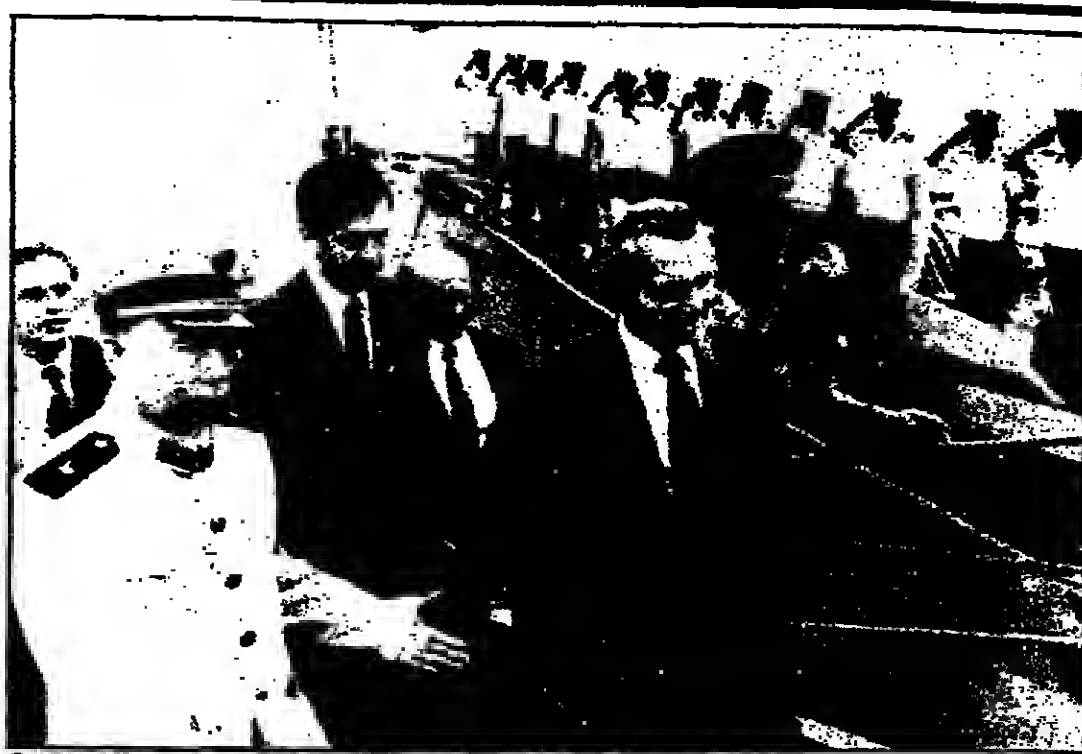
Carlucci today was led by Navy Commander Zhang Lianzhong on a 50-minute tour of the Wusong naval facility near the Huangpu River's juncture with the Yangtze River.

Carlucci said his visit to the Navy base was "a sign of efforts to have exchanges with the entire range of the Chinese military."

China welcomed Reagan administration's approval for China to launch US satellites.

"We appreciate the US government's support to China with regard to China's satellite launching service for foreign countries," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The satellites will be the first such US exports to a communist country.

"When satellites of foreign countries are moved to China for launching, their safety can be ensured," the spokesman said.



Carlucci (front, right) visiting Chinese Navy ships in Shanghai.

Flying a microlight plane

Indian sets record

NEW DELHI, Sept 10, (UPI): An Indian businessman arrived today in New Delhi after 23 days flying a light aircraft alone from London, breaking the record of 34 days set by a British journalist.

Vijaypat Singhania landed his British-made 330-pound (150 kg) plane at New Delhi's Sardar Vallabhbhai Airport and received an emotional welcome from his family.

The Indian millionaire, wearing a striped shirt and blue jeans, was mobbed by his family and employees, who placed garlands around his neck, moments after he came out of his tiny plane.

"This feat should establish that an Indian could beat a Briton," Singhania said at a news conference about his 23-day mission that broke the record of Brian Milton, a former BBC and ITV journalist.

"The spirit of adventure has made many nations great," said the 49-year-old Singhania. "I want India to be known by its competence, efforts and its people and I hope I have done India

proud," he said.

Singhania left London on Aug 18 to try to beat a 34-day London-Bombay flight record set by Milton early this year in an ultralight "Dagety Flyer" plane. Milton was on his way to Sydney as part of Australia's bicentennial celebration when he set the record.

"Vijay flew brilliantly," said Milton who was in New Delhi to welcome Singhania. Milton said the 23-day London-New Delhi flight in a microlight plane was a "world record."

The millionaire, who owns a newspaper and chains of companies across India, said he flew over 11 countries and landed in 25 airports to complete his mission.

"I played games with myself and talked to the picture of my granddaughter that I had in cockpit to overcome the boredom during the long flight," said Singhania.

He said the journey was eventful and has given him enough materials to tell his three grandchildren.

Singapore shifts foreign minister

SINGAPORE, Sept 10, (UPI): First Deputy Prime Minister Goh Chok today announced a relatively unchanged 12-member cabinet headed by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

Goh said at a press conference that Lee had offered to hand him the key post of prime minister on three occasions following last Saturday's elections. Goh said: "I asked him to stay on for up to two years."

"After, or within two years' time, when Lee leaves, I will bring about major changes in the cabinet," Goh said.

"I shall be setting the pace and direction for Singapore. To use an analogy from the business world, Lee is like the chairman of a large corporation. I am like its chief executive," he said.

He said Foreign Minister S. Dhanabalan will become minister for national development, while Minister for Community Development Wong Kang Seng takes the foreign minister's post.

Second Minister of Law S. Jayakumar was elevated to minister for home affairs while others

retained their former jobs in the administration.

The announcement was made seven days after the Sept 3 parliamentary elections, marking the longest delay in announcing a cabinet since Lee's ruling People's Action Party (PAP) won its first election in 1959.

The PAP won 80 of the 81 Parliament seats despite the fact its popular vote slipped from 62.9 per cent in 1984 to 61.8 per cent.

The sole opposition seat went to Chiam See Tong, secretary-general of the opposition Democratic Party.

Understanding
Analysts said debate over the foreign minister's post delayed the announcement.

Goh said it was decided Lee should remain as prime minister because he had developed "close ties of mutual understanding and confidence with President Suharto of Indonesia and Dr Mahathir Mohamad, prime minister of Malaysia" and could help negotiate with Malaysia on the purchase of water and gas.

Negotiations on US military bases

Shultz critical of Filipino demand

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (AP): Secretary of State George Shultz said yesterday the level of US aid demanded by the Philippines in exchange for continued US use of military bases in the Philippines was "out of bounds."

"We will be patient, and we will be persistent," Shultz said. "But we'll also stick to our basic ideas."

The negotiations are in suspension. Shultz will meet Philippine Foreign Minister Raul Manglapus in Washington next week and again in New York the following week during the special session of the UN General Assembly.

Disappointed

Shultz said, "We seemed to have things on a pretty good track" at a meeting last July in Manila. "But subsequently, it didn't work out that way," he said.

"I am a little disappointed right now," he told the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Shultz spoke to the group about various foreign policy issues. He was asked about the Philippines when he opened the discussion to questions.

Under the current agreement,

which expires in 1991, the United States gives the Philippines \$180 million a year through 1989 for the use of six military bases. The talks are to determine the amount of compensation for the remaining two years.

The Philippines is asking for \$1.2 billion annually for use of Subic Naval Base, Clark Air Base and four smaller installations.

In Manila yesterday, when Manglapus was asked if he would continue to insist on \$1.2 billion in compensation for the bases when he meets with US officials during his trip, Manglapus replied: "Oh, yes. We shall be clarifying that our position is reasonable."

Double

Shultz and other State Department officials have not said what the United States has offered to extend the agreement past 1991.

But congressional sources said on Wednesday the United States offered to double the yearly payment to \$360 million as part of a \$489-million aid package. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We frankly think that what the Philippines seems to be asking is out of bounds," Shultz

said, without referring to any specific figure. "We are saying that to them and trying to convince them."

He said the bases are "very useful to us" and "we believe they are very useful for the security of the Philippines."

A senior Filipino official said in Nicosia, Cyprus today US bases in the Philippines endanger the country's security and were "breeding social ills."

Temporary

Jose Ingles, first undersecretary of the Philippines Foreign Ministry, declared: "The presence of American military bases in Philippine territory is only a temporary one, because we firmly believe in, and wholeheartedly support, the well-known non-aligned principle."

"But as the whole world knows, this kind of fundamental shift in one's foreign policy cannot be effected overnight," he added in an address to the No-aligned Movement's foreign ministers in the closing stages of a four-day conference.

Ingles complained that the US has not been forthcoming in recent negotiations to review the 1947 bases agreement.

US F-14 crashes in Arabian Sea

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (AP): The Navy said a F-14 Tomcat jet fighter crashed in the northern Arabian Sea earlier this week but both crewmen escaped serious injury.

The two-seat fighter, was flying off the carrier USS Carl Vinson on a "routine training flight" when it was forced to ditch at sea on Thursday night, the Navy said yesterday.

The Navy said the cause of the crash was under investigation. A Defence Department official who asked not to be identified by name said the plane had suffered "a mechanical problem."

The Navy said the pilot ditched the Tomcat about 40 miles (64 kms) from the carrier, and a helicopter from the Vinson rescued the two crewmen.

The Vinson recently began patrolling in the northern Arabian Sea to support other Navy warships assigned to escort duties in the Gulf. The United States is maintaining a large naval presence in the Gulf while it waits to see if the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq will hold.

Egypt urges firm stand against Israel

CAIRO, Sept 10, (Reuters): A senior Egyptian official has said that a strong stand must be taken toward Israel and the United States to achieve an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is necessary to present a strong and firm challenge to Israel and the United States so that Israel will accept withdrawal from Arab territories," said presidential adviser Osama Baz, quoted by national Middle East News Agency (MENA).

"It (Israel) must recognise the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination," added Baz, a top foreign policy adviser to President Hosni Mubarak.

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Tunisia to hold polls in November

PARIS, Sept 10, (UPI): Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, in an interview pledged to hold early presidential and legislative elections on Nov 7, 1989, two years to the day after he came to power by removing the aging leader Habib Bourguiba.

Ben Ali, who will pay his first official visit to Paris as President beginning on Monday, gave Le Monde one of the most candid explanations yet of his reasons for ousting Bourguiba, 84, on Nov. 7. He also confirmed his plans for sweeping democratic reform to the North African country.

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"In short, Tunisians were powerfully witnessing the sad spectacle of the decadence of the state and its institutions," Ben Ali said of the last days of the Bourguiba government. "We were ashamed of our country."

Smoking may cause leukaemia

LONDON, Sept 10, (AP): The death rate from leukaemia was nearly 60 per cent higher among smokers of more than 10 cigarettes a day than among non-smokers, according to a study of 248,000 US military veterans published Friday.

While no direct link has been established between smoking and leukaemia, research published in the British Medical Journal showed that the leukaemia death rate among people who smoked under 10 cigarettes a day was 34 per cent higher than among non-smokers.

For smokers of 10 to 20 cigarettes a day it was 57 per cent, and for smokers of 21 or more cigarettes 63 per cent, the study showed.

Responsible

"If the findings in our study represented a direct relationship between smoking and leukaemia, then it must follow that smoking is responsible for more cases of leukaemia than all the hitherto established causes combined," said Dr. Leo Kinlen, director of the cancer epidemiology unit at the University of Edinburgh.

Kinlen conducted the study with E. Rogou, a statistician at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland.

They wrote that it was "the largest study of leukaemia and smoking habits to date (and) represents additional evidence that leukaemia is a smoking-related disease."

In an editorial in the prestigious weekly, Professor Nicholas Wald of St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, cautioned that no cause-and-effect relationship had been established, but added: "Whatever the mechanism, the balance of evidence suggests that smoking may cause leukaemia."

It should therefore be added to the World Health Organisation's list of tobacco-related causes of death, he wrote.

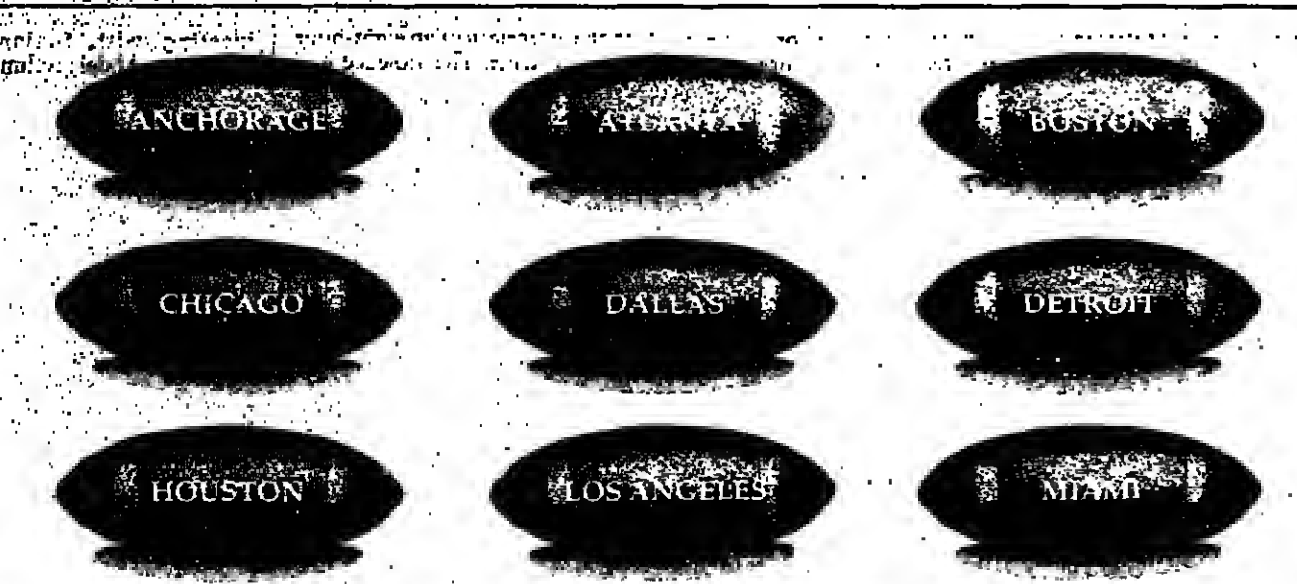
First Arab couple completes voyage

CASABLANCA, Sept 10, (Reuters): The first Arab couple to sail around the world arrived back in Casablanca aboard their yacht Baraka-A after a 21-month journey.

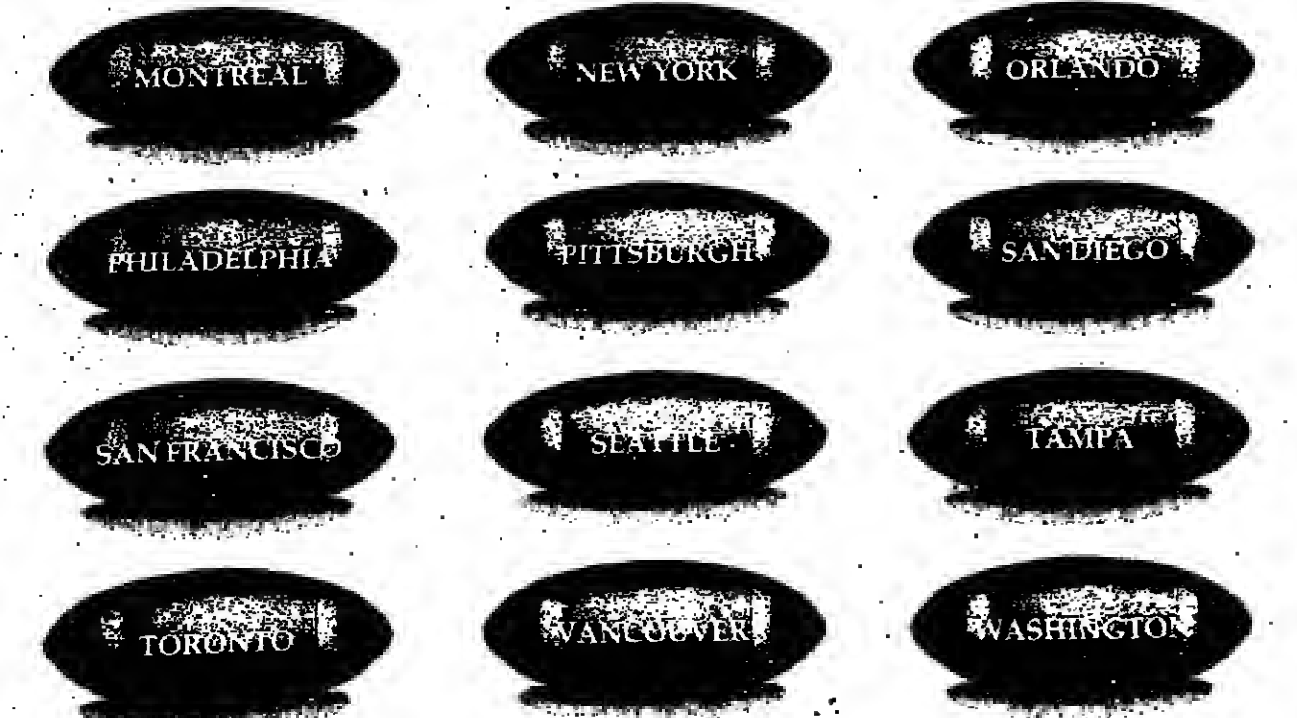
Jamil Adnane, 39, from Saudi Arabia and his Egyptian wife Sheherazade Zaky started their voyage from Casablanca, sailing westwards on Nov 20, 1986.

Adnane said today by radio telephone from his boat in Casablanca harbour where they arrived last night that he and his wife were well.

"In fact we found the sea was much safer than on land. I had three accidents during the voyage, all of them on land," he said.



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Seoul students clash with police

SEOUL, Sept 10, (AP): Radical students, yelling "dictatorial Olympics" hurled hundreds of firebombs at riot police today after student leaders said the Games were being used to cement military rule.

About 2,000 students from several Seoul universities took part in a rally at Yonsei University to denounce the Olympics and President Roh Tae-Woo's government. They also attacked the United States for backing the government.

"Oppose the dictatorial Olympics" and "Down with military dictatorship," students chanted as they marched around the campus with red, white and blue flags denouncing the Games that begin Sept 17.

Masked

The students, some armed with wooden and iron clubs, marched out of the school to confront hundreds of riot police surrounding the campus. Protesters taunted the police and then attacked.

Waves of masked students rushed out of the school's gates and climbed over walls to pelt police with firebombs that set fire to some troopers' shields and clothing.

But police did not use tear gas because of government orders not to use the powerful gas during the Olympics. Police also hurled back fewer rocks than normal in an apparent attempt to limit violence.

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Number of Kuwaitis increases by 1.48pc

THE number of Kuwaitis has increased during the last three years by 1.48 per cent from 40,14 per cent in 1985 to 41.62 per cent this year. Assistant Undersecretary for Statistical Affairs at the Ministry of Planning, Musaed Al Ammen, said in a press statement issued yesterday.

The Central Statistics Department also announced that of a total population of 1,834,756, Kuwaitis numbered 763,708, representing 41.62 per cent.

Al Ammen added that the Kuwaiti contribution to the workforce increased from 18.9 per cent in 1985 to 21.9 per cent this year.

He was referring to the primary results of the workforce field study conducted by the

department in March this year. A sharp drop in the annual growth rate of expatriates was also noted. He said that this only reached 1.83 per cent between April 1985 when the last general census was taken and March this year, compared to 5.1 per cent between 1980 and 1985.

He said that the total number of expatriate workers in Kuwait is 547,000, representing over 51 per cent of the expatriate population.

In 1985, working expatriates constituted 53.5 per cent of the expatriate population. The research attributed this to the fact that many expatriate employees have left the country during the last three years.

The study also showed that technical and vocational jobs for Kuwaitis also increased in the same three year period. According to results, Kuwaitis in technical jobs accounted for 24.2 per cent, compared to 21 per cent in 1985.

Administrative jobs held by Kuwaitis amounted to 4.1 per cent and clerical jobs formed 27.9 per cent.

Expatriate manpower increased from 27.9 per cent to 29.7 per cent, mainly due to the demand for maids and drivers, and labourers.

These results are based on a field study executed between March 26 and April 15 of this year, Al Ammen said.

Manali-Leh road opened to foreigners

THE Manali-Leh road, linking the hill resort of Manali in Himachal Pradesh with the capital of Ladakh has just been opened to foreigners by the Government of India.

Ladakh attracts tourists from all over the world who travel to Leh from Srinagar via Kargil. This new route lies along the Silk Route of ancient times. It is now possible to drive from Manali to Leh (500 kms) and discover the spectacular scenery of the Western Himalayas have to offer.

The route lies across a series of high Himalayan passes. Against the backdrop of snow-clad mountains the major highlight of the route is a drive across Tanglanga, the highest mountain pass in the world. This incredible pass also offers breathtaking panoramic views of the entire Ladakh range.

From Leh, which is perhaps the largest, permanent, high altitude town in the world, excursions can be made to various monasteries, such as Hemis, Alchi, Shey and Thiksey, perched on top of surrounding hills.

Osaimi returns

THE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi returned home last night from Cyprus.

Al Osaimi headed Kuwait's delegation to the ministerial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement.

He was received at the airport by Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Al Shaheen and a number of senior officials.

Overseas calling service suspended in some areas

THE assistant undersecretary for subscribers' affairs at the Ministry of Communications, Khaled Al Houti, has said that the overseas telephone calling service at various communications centres has been suspended for technical reasons.

The service is still available at the centre in Kuwait City and services will be available again at all centres from Sept 15, he said.

Al Houti said modernisation of the telephone network at Juleh Al Shiyokh central exchange is expected to be complete in November. The ministry built the new exchange to relieve

pressure on Farwaniya Central, which also serves Sahhan and Al Rai.

He said the ministry is considering building another exchange in Sabhan Industrial Area for the same purpose.

Al Houti noted that underground telephone cables for the new housing areas in Fintas and Qusain are being extended and work should be finished by March. Subscribers in the two areas will get telephone services from Rigga Central.

Similar work is underway for the Ouyoun area, which will receive services from the new Jahra Central, he said.

Number of women smokers on the rise each year

THIRTY-FOUR per cent of female university students are smokers, according to Dr Hussein Al Mumin, director of the Schools Health Department.

The figure is based on results of a field study and includes regular and non-regular smokers, Al Mumin said.

The study also showed that many girls in the primary, intermediate, and secondary stages have tried smoking but are not regular smokers.

Al Mumin, who is also chairman of the Anti-Smoking and Cancer Society, added that most women who visit the society to kick the habit are over 30 years old and usually smoke more than men. Some smoke as much as four packs a day, he said.

The number of women smok-

ers has been increasing every year, he added.

He said the rumours that smoking helps people lose weight is totally baseless. Smoking causes malnutrition, Anaemia, and early senility among women. Smoking by pregnant women risks the health of unborn babies, he said.

About 500 smokers visit the society every month for help to stop smoking. The success rate has been 50 per cent. Though only 2 per cent of the visitors are women, this does not mean that there were fewer women smokers. Social barriers may prevent women from visiting the society for help, he said.

Many women smokers prefer to follow the instructions received by their colleagues who have already visited the society. Others may prefer to quit smoking by themselves, Al Mumin said.



HH the Amir meets with Algeria's Minister of Culture and Tourism Boualem Bessaïeh, (centre).

Cancer expert to visit Kuwait

VIENNA, Sept 10, (KUNA): A renowned Soviet medical researcher and expert in clinical research for the fight against cancer, Dr Nowicki Vassil will arrive in Kuwait on Sunday on a week long working visit.

Dr Vassil, who hails from the Ukraine but has lived in Austria for several years, told KUNA today that he will meet Kuwaiti minister of health, senior Kuwaiti health officials and those in charge of the fight against cancer.

He wants to discuss prospects of Kuwaiti participation in clinical research to develop curative medicine for malignant tumours

in light of encouraging results achieved by him in the field.

After years of tests and research, the Soviet medical expert has prepared a new medicine, called Ukraine, which he said can treat cancerous cells.

The drug is derived from Chelidonium Majus-L, a plant grown in northern Europe, Asia and America.

Dr Vassil claimed the new medicine is different from all those previously developed in that it kills cancer tumour cells without destroying other neighbouring healthy tissue.

Tests showed a 50 per cent success rate in treatment of cancer patients, he said.

Farmers agree to grow wheat

THE director of botanical wealth and head of the wheat cultivation project at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, Jassim Al Bader, has said that 106 farmers in Wafra and 71 in Abdali and Sulaibiya have signed contracts with the authority to cultivate wheat.

The farms will allocate 7,768 dunums (a dunum is roughly 900 square metres) for wheat cultivation. Each dunum can produce 200 to 300 kilos of wheat.

Al Bader added that the state is offering support and facilities, for the project.

The chairman of the project, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah, set up a committee to follow all developments and needs of the wheat cultivation experiment in Kuwait.

As soon as contracts between the authority and farmers are signed, the land will be ploughed and seeds and fertilizers will be supplied by the authority.

Sheep to be shipped from New Zealand

PEOPLE in Kuwait will soon be able to enjoy eating New Zealand mutton.

A ship loaded with 40,000 live New Zealand sheep is expected to arrive in Kuwait in the middle of this month, an official at the Livestock Trading and Transportation Co. said yesterday.

He told KUNA that his company owns a huge merchant fleet that secures transportation of this valuable and vital meat to Kuwait.

The company has also contracted with China to deliver a shipment of 80,000 live sheep to Kuwait, he said.

The shipment is expected to arrive during November and December.

Diversifying sources of imported livestock is the company's main goal to meet consumers' demands, he said.

'Race Against Time' to begin today

NEARLY all of the Islamic world is putting its best foot forward in a global effort to help save children's lives by participating in the Sport Aid '88 'Race Against Time'.

More than 80 million runners and walkers from 90 countries will simultaneously participate throughout the world to help feed the world.

Individual race numbers will be available for Kuwaiti entrants from Ray Jerry, Messilah Beach Hotel Recreation Club manager from 4.00 pm today.

Participants enter into the spirit of the day by running or walking a minimum of 1 kilometre to a maximum of 10 kilometres starting from Messilah Beach Hotel at 6.00 pm today. Participants can stop and walk and the event is for young and old alike.

Secondary students return to school

ABOUT 228,000 intermediate and secondary students returned to school yesterday.

Students of all stages are now back in the classroom. Kindergarten and primary students of private and government schools returned on Tuesday.

The first day of school for older students was set for a different day to avoid traffic problems. The Ministries of Education and Interior's plan to prevent traffic jams succeeded for the second year in a row.

Severe traffic tie-ups used to accompany opening day when all schools started the year at the same time.

Traffic officials were prepared to use helicopters to monitor traffic flow this year, but none of the aircraft had to be used.

Japanese ships will begin using Kuwait terminal

LONDON, Sept 10, (KUNA): Japanese-crewed tankers will resume sailing into Kuwait's Mina Al Ahmadi terminal next week, according to a specialised shipping newspaper here.

Lloyd's List newspaper pointed out that Japanese tankers now sail only as far as the neutral zone port of Khafji, south of Kuwait.

Other Japanese-crewed vessels resumed sailing into the area after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire went into effect on Aug 20.

The All Japan Seamen's Union, "reluctant until now to resume services," along with Japanese owners and the government have decided that Japanese-crewed tankers will be required to sail to the area around the mouth of the Gulf only in daylight, it added.

The Japanese-crewed tankers will resume sailing into Mina Al Ahmadi next Thursday, Lloyd's said.

Arab League to meet today

TUNIS, Sept 10, (KUNA): The Arab League's 90th regular session starts here tomorrow with all member states expected to attend.

The session will focus on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands and political and informational ways of supporting it in light of Jordan's decision to sever administrative and legal ties with the West Bank.

The council will study a request from the Palestine Liberation Organisation regarding Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon after Fatah movement dissidents seized Sabra and Shatilla camps in Beirut.

The council will also review a report by the Arab seven-man committee, which was assigned to follow the Iraq-Iran war

developments. The committee recently visited the United Nations Security Council's five permanent members.

Dialogue

The Israeli nuclear threat and the sources of its nuclear capabilities, Afro-Arab and Afro-Israeli relations and Euro-Arab dialogue will also be listed on the agenda.

The officials will also review an economic and social report on organisations affiliated with the Arab League. The League's budget for next year will also be discussed.

A limited number of Arab foreign ministers will attend the session which will be chaired by Somalia. Most of the Arab countries will be represented by their permanent delegations to the Arab League.

Discussions under way on mine-clearing plan

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (KUNA): The Washington Post reported here today that the US and its European allies have begun discussions on a co-ordinated naval force to clear the Gulf waters strwn with mines and debris from the Iran-Iraq war.

Although only preliminary, the talks can be taken as a sign that the US expects UN-sponsored ceasefire that took effect Aug 20 to lead to an end of the war.

The paper said the discussions have focused particularly on co-operative mine-clearing operations in and around the Shatt Al Arab.

The contested waterway, which forms the Iran-Iraq border at the head of the Gulf, provides Iraq's only significant

outlet to the sea and was a major battleground in the eight-year war.

The mine-clearing operations would be carried out or protected by US and European vessels, according to the paper. Financing by the Arab states would address concerns about the expense of maintaining naval forces in the Gulf. In the US some administration critics are calling for a reduction in the US Gulf fleet.

The cost of a post-war clearing operation is expected to be extremely high. Dozens of sunken ships litter the waterway and a large number of mines are believed to have been planted by both sides during the war. Iraq has already said it is willing to help finance the clearing operations.



ISP students gather at the school premises.

Disputes resolved

International School of Pakistan reopens

By Ashraf Shad

THE crisis at the International School of Pakistan (ISP) is over after disputes were resolved "in a spirit of friendship and co-operation."

Speaking to the Arab Times, Al Hufaiti said that though no official agreement was signed, most of the problems were solved amicably during the meeting on Wednesday night at the home of the Pakistani ambassador. They also met the next day at the school.

He added that in the future, administrative decisions will be made after consultations between him and the ambassador. Further, the principal will also be the secretary to the board of governors, instead of a Pakistan embassy official. The acting principal has been designated as secretary to the board till the new principal takes over.

The press release issued by the chairman of the board, said that a new board of governors with

as the acting principal.

The press release also claimed that all outstanding administrative matters were resolved "in a spirit of friendship and co-operation."

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The press release issued by the chairman of the board, said that a new board of governors with

six members will be formed in accordance with the constitution. Elections of the board and the parents council of 16 members will be completed by Sept 23, it said.

"The sponsor agreed to follow the constitution as being the set of rules which will govern the activities of the school," the press release added.

Al Hufaiti confirmed that he had a copy of the constitution, but he has not signed any document yet. He stated that a new board will be elected and parents' representatives will be elected according to schedule.

The school will be run with mutual co-operation and strictly in keeping with the laws framed by the Ministry of Education in Kuwait, he said.

According to the press release from Saeed, the school will be raised to the Higher Secondary level and the sponsor will help get approval of this decision from the Ministry of Education.

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Kuwait, Egypt discuss Gulf developments

CAIRO, Sept 10, (KUNA): Kuwait's Ambassador to Egypt Abdel Razzak Al Kandari met here today with the first Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Dr Ossama Al Baz.

Al Kandari told KUNA after the meeting that talks centred on Arab and Gulf developments as well as the Iraqi-Iranian negotiations and the Palestinian question.

The officials will exchange visits soon, the Kuwaiti diplomat said, noting that Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad had received an invitation from his Egyptian counterpart Dr Esmat Abdel Meguid.

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EVENTS

Old and new music at Country-Western show

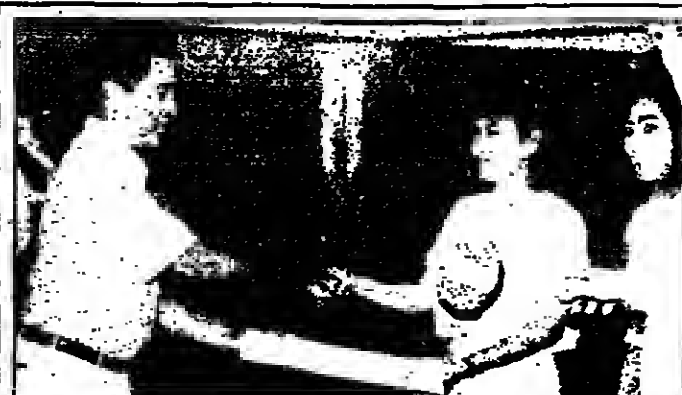
ONE hundred years of country-western music — from its roots in the Old West of 1880s to the upbeat sounds of the 1980s — are incorporated in this year's first musical of the season. Aply called Country-Western show, it opens on Sept 28 at the KLT, Alhadi.

ACT has joined forces with KLT to present an "all new programme of country-western favourites," put together by music director Ian Robertson and producer Nola Anderson, who is also the chairman of ACT.

Last year's ACT show was described by our reviewer as a "real foot-stomping, hand-clapping, rip roaring how-down." This year, it promises

to be "even more lively and exciting."

Favourite performers returning with new numbers this year include Bob Strucker, Nick Miller, Mike Mendenhall, Nancy Parker and Mohamed Abdul Jabbar. New performers include Peter White, Wayne Park, Paul Nachian, Barbara Gould and Joan Venter. A local square dancing group, headed by Deanna Darden, will also perform. An extra bonus will be the addition of The Fans, a local band that will present solo numbers and provide backup. Band members include Albert Rego, Susan Rego, Noel Saparamadu, Sylvester Fernandes and Rohan D'Silva.



Giang shakes hands with Diana after presenting the prize as others look on.



Second runner-up Tess (left) and third runner-up Evelyn.

Diana selected Ms PBAK

DIANA MARISSA O. REYES was named Ms PBAK Inter-Commercial at the opening on Friday of a two-month-long bowling tournament. The runners-up were Tess Maningding and Evelyn Romagosa.

The beauty pageant was held at the first inter-commercial bowling league, organised by the Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAK). Thirteen teams are taking part in the league. More than 300 people attended the ceremony held at the 300 Club.

The event was hosted by PBAK director Bojo Hamdan and vice-president for peace and order, Ojie Olor. It was opened by PBAK President Maunty Insento.

The Philippine's Ambassador in Kuwait, Alunan C. Giang, presented the prizes to the pageant winners.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

3.30 Holy Quran
3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial
4.10 World News via Satellite
4.40 Fursan Al Hikmah: "Sane Al Mojizah" Arabic serial, with Mohammad Dafarawi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.
5.50 Musical Interlude
6.30 Cultural Film
7.05 You and Your Health: weekly show on health care.
8.30 Wa Qala: Al Arab
9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Sakiya Tadour: Arabic serial
10.50 Variety Show, hosted by Amal Abdullah.
11.50 News Summary
11.55 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown



Nicole's 'dads' are worried about 'The Artful Dodger,' My Two Dads, 9.30 pm, KTV 2.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Healthlife: cartoons
6.30 3-2-1 Contact: tonight's episode examines weight-lifting equipment and elevators.

7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
7.30 Valerie: It's mum's birthday and the kids try to find an appropriate gift for Valerie.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors: "The Show Goes On." A mobile theatre group comes to town and faces numerous difficulties.
9.30 My Two Dads: "The Artful Dodger." Nicole is not doing well at school, despite tuition and her dads are worried.
10.00 Hillary's Adventures.
10.30 Bestseller: "Fields of Five." Start of new best seller about the life of an Englishman working in the Australian sugar-cane fields.
11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Arts Museum
The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum
The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

THEATRE

KLT
KLT will hold audition for "Two and Two Make Six," a comedy, directed by Stephen Prescott, on Monday (Sept 12) and Tuesday (Sept 13) at 7 pm at the KLT, Alhadi.

Person Unknown
Auditions for "Kuwait Players' first production, Person Unknown, a murder mystery, will take place on Sept 12 (Tuesday) and Sept 13 (Wednesday) from 7.30 pm at Messilah Beach Hotel. Directed by Paul Brown. The play will be performed from Nov 7 to 10. For details Tel: 5610660.

CINEMA

Local Hero
The feature film Local Hero will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriyah, on Saturday (Sept 10) and Sunday (Sept 11) at 6.30 pm. Starring: Burt Lancaster, Peter Reigert and Dana Ivey. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512.

Cine Club Diwaniya
Kuwait Cine Club will hold a weekly gathering — diwaniya — every Wednesday at 7 pm at its premises, 8 Sherif Al Radi St, Bneid Al Qar. The diwaniya is open to members, their

invitees and newcomers who wish to acquaint themselves with the club's activities. Discussions at the first diwaniya will centre on weekly screenings on Wednesday nights and other topics.

Children's Film

Alias the Jester, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 pm and on Thursday, Sept 15, 10.30 am. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204.

MUSIC

Indian Ballet
Naribana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithisilpas at its annual show, Nrithotsav, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

Sounds Great
Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Sahniya cinema from Oct 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

German Recital
German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condia will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct 19. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condia's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

East meets West
The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at

IAC, Funaites, at 6.30 pm on Oct 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show

The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Country Western Musical
KLT and ACT present their annual country western musical at the KLT, Alhadi. Gala night at 7.30 pm on Sept 27. Other performances at 8 pm on Sept 28 and 29. Matinee at 5 pm on Sept 30. For bookings call 572-7558; 571-2033; 562-0332.

EDUCATION

Dar-ul Quran

Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes, which start on Sept 17, at the Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya. Free tuition. Medium of instruction is Urdu. Open to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

British Council
The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriyah, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept 12, and Tuesday, Sept 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs Kate Harries on 2515512/2533204.

SOCIAL

Open Day
Steps Studio will hold an open evening on Wednesday, Sept 14, 6 to 9 pm, to introduce their arts and crafts section. An open-day will also be held on Sept 15, 9 am to 1 pm, to introduce the children's dance activities at the club. All

Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome.

Kuwait Players poolside BBQ

The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets — KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

D'Assisi Association

The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual thanksgiving mass on Oct 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 574-6754 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

Nite Flight '88

Airlines staff in association with SAS, Kuwait, will hold "Nite Flight '88" at the Tent — an evening of entertainment, music and many surprises. Further details will be announced shortly.

Varca Sporting Centre
Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights include beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress parade, games, magic and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Magbool 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 5331940. Parents and children are welcome. Tel: 574-7313 for further details.

Goan Fiesta 88

The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.

SPORTS

Windsurfing Regatta

MBT Windsurfing Regatta takes place on Oct 7. Open to men, women and teams. Entry forms available from Marine Centre (Tel: 5755960); Qabazard Marine (Tel: 4830570). For further details phone 5624111 ext. 751/739.

Feed the World Sports Aid

Sports Aid '88 calling all runners/walkers to join the worldwide synchroised event to be held in Kuwait on Sunday, Sept 11. Start: Messilah Beach Hotel, 6 pm. Run or walk a minimum of 10 km. For details contact 5624111 ext. 751.

Adult Softball

All men interested in playing in the Kuwait International Softball League contact Steve Diemer — Tel: 5315246 or Vic Mason — Tel: 5728931. Ladies interested to join the Ladies League are asked to call Rita Diemer — Tel: 5315246.

IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Alhadi Governorate Ground located behind the Computer Centre.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3957446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

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Starring: Ralph Bellamy, Anthony Gerrard
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Al Jleeb
Exutha Purangal (Malayalam)
Al Jahra
Samrat (Hindi)
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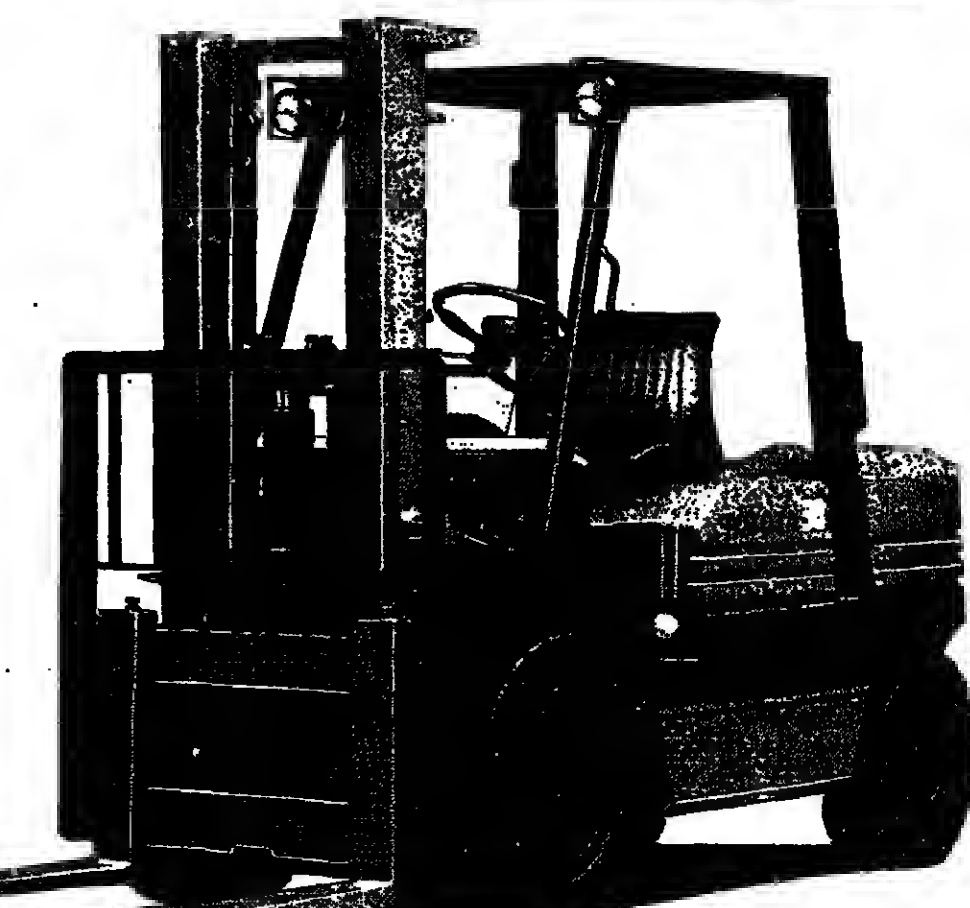
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OPINION

A vile campaign

THE current American campaign accusing Iraq of using chemical weapons is not in the true sense an American campaign as it is not launched by the US administration.

Rather, it was launched by the US Senate — the same Senate which calls for punishing any Arab believed to have caused harm to Israel. Thus, it is clear that the campaign against Iraq is not exactly a US campaign, but a Zionist inspired one.

Simply said, Israel and its cronies were obviously very saddened after the Iran-Iraq war ended with an Iraqi victory. This scenario goes against the wishes of Israel and its allies in the region.

US senators who demanded stopping of all aid and loans to Iraq during its eight years of war, are well aware that Iraq did not need a single cent from US banks. On the contrary, the US sold Iraq arms for cash and at very inflated prices. Iraqis had no alternative but to pay because they needed these arms to defend their homeland.

However, let US senators realise that Iraq will not need to borrow. Suffice it to say that the Iraqi President has only to declare his country open to Arab investments — and Arab funds will flow into Iraq.

These Arab funds which have been battered by the American game with the dollar exchange rates — increasing and decreasing the exchange rate of the dollar to suit American interests, and these Arab funds which US banks lend to others will certainly be channeled to victorious Iraq. Iraq has many good and profitable investment opportunities in the agricultural and industrial sectors.

Because of all these factors, we would like to inform the senators that Iraq in advance agrees to the US banks' boycott for providing loans to Iraq, simply because in the final analysis these banks and not Iraq will be the losers.

At this juncture, we would like to call the attention of any senator who demanded a stop to loans to Iraq to first query US banks if they have any loans due from Iraq, or if vice-versa is the case — US banks hold Iraqi deposits. It must be remembered that Arab money in US banks is after all Iraqi money, especially when Arab unity becomes stronger.

We would like to categorically state that Iraq did not use chemical weapons. Others, who happen to be friends of Israel are the culprits in this respect.

It is to be realised here that the increasing strength of Iraq, which is a friend of Arab nationalism at a time when the Palestinian popular uprising is steadily advancing, coupled with the retreat of Iraq's Arab and foreign opponents, are all disturbing signals for Israel.

Israel is the country behind the campaign against Iraq. Possibly, the world wants to find a dignified solution to Iran's defeat. But Iran does not even require this — as there is no victor or vanquished among Muslims.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

After two decades of Israeli supremacy

Military balance shifting in the Middle East

By George D. Moffett III

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: After two decades of undisputed Israeli supremacy, the military balance in the Middle East appears on the verge of a major shift.

Abetted by the emergence of new arms suppliers, at least five Arab states and Iran are working to acquire medium-range missiles. That could offset Israel's traditional air superiority, for years the mainstay of its deterrence.

In the Arab-Israeli theatre, many experts believe Israel remains the regional leader in missile technology, with its flight-tested Jericho 2 missile and putative stockpile of 100 nuclear warheads.

"The practical problem for Israel is what happens if deterrence fails. Retaliation doesn't keep Israel alive," says Anthony Cordesman, a specialist in Mideast military matters at Georgetown University.

An Arab diplomat describes alarms being sounded in Israel about Arab missiles as "paranoia, intended to deflect world attention from Israel's own

nuclear capabilities."

Many analysts say that for now the threat to Israel remains more theoretical than actual. Moreover, it could be several years before the new generation of missiles sought by several Arab countries will be fully operational.

Superiority
"Given the US commitment to Israel's military superiority... it is necessary for Arab states to enhance their defensive capabilities," says Clovis Mak-soud, the Arab League's ambassador to the United States.

Maksoud says new missiles now being sought by the Arab states are designed "to deter Israel from translating America's commitment into concrete action," such as Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, and to guarantee that future Middle East peace talks will not become "a form of dictation" by Israel.

Ironically the race to acquire medium-range missiles is gathering speed even as the superpowers are dismantling their own, under the terms of an agreement signed last May by US President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Analysts say the acquisition of a new generation of sophisticated missiles could put the volatile Middle East on the same hair trigger that has made the US-Soviet nuclear rivalry so dangerous.

"We're heading that way here," says Gerald Steinberg, a research fellow at Hebrew University's Davis Institute of International Relations. "The push-button warfare problem has evolved out of the US-Soviet context into the Middle East."

Threaten
Analysts cite the following constellation of factors that, together, threaten to transform the strategic situation:

Advanced missiles. New medium-range (300 to 3,000 miles) missiles deployed or sought by several Middle Eastern states, while still crude by superpower standards, will fly farther, faster, and with greater accuracy than their current generation of short-range (under 300 miles) missiles.

For example, the Chinese M-9, now sought by Syria, would, for the first time, give Damascus the ability to strike major Israeli population centres and to target

key defence installations throughout the country with pinpoint accuracy.

Chemical weapons. Several Arab states are known to possess chemical weapons capabilities. Mounted on mid-range missiles, chemical warheads could pose a lethal and psychological threat to Israel. Several Arab states are also reportedly moving toward biological and nuclear warfare.

Changing rules of warfare. Military analysts say that in their lethal "war of the cities," Iran and Iraq have legitimized the use of missiles against civilian populations.

Problem
"The significance of the arms sales consists mainly in their timing," writes military analyst Reuben Padatzur in the daily Haaretz. "The planned Syrian procurement programme comes against the backdrop of a total change in the rules of the game governing the use of ground-to-ground missiles in Middle Eastern wars."

So far, Israeli military planners consider the pending proliferation of medium-range

missiles in the Middle East a potential rather than actual problem. "The genie is not yet out of the bottle," says one military source who notes that the threat of tanks, infantry, and artillery remains Israel's primary concern.

But Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin came away from his June 27-29 US visit with an agreement for joint development of a new anti-missile, called the Arrow, and for "tactical solutions in the realm of intelligence."

At the US State Department, Secretary of State George Shultz has used Rabin's concerns as a vehicle to press his current Middle East peace initiative. Shultz's message: Since there is no present defence against missiles, Israel should accelerate the peace process.

Analysts say the kind of preemptive strike used by Israel in 1981 to knock out an Iraqi nuclear reactor would probably not be feasible against dozens of missile sites scattered around the Arab world.

The US and Israel were caught by surprise last March by reports that Saudi Arabia had purchased

an undisclosed number of Chinese DF-3A (also called CSS-2) surface-to-surface missiles.

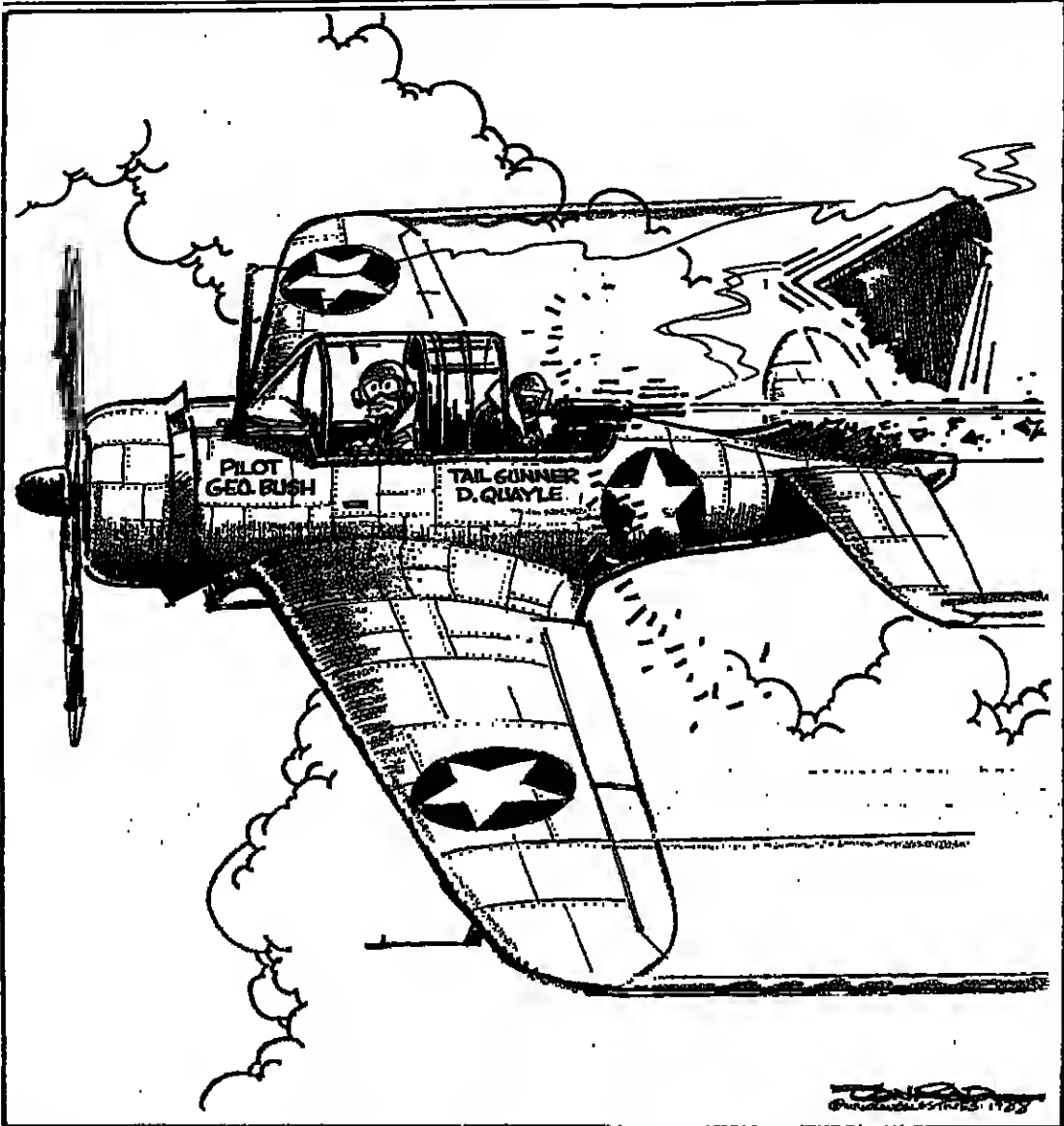
The missiles are fairly primitive but put Israel within easy range. But it is widely assumed that the missiles are intended as a protection against Iran. Even Israel privately concedes that tipped with conventional warheads (the Saudis so far possess neither nuclear nor chemical capability), Saudi missiles would not be lethal or accurate enough to pose a serious threat to Israel.

Worrisome
More worrisome to Israel is Syria, which already possesses Soviet-made SS-21 missiles and which is now said to be negotiating with China for the purchase of the mobile, solid-fueled (thus more quickly deployable) M-9.

Once the Iran-Iraq war is over, Israeli military planners fear, Baghdad might re-target its missiles against Israel.

Israel has flight-tested its own advanced class of medium-range missiles, the Jericho 2, capable of delivering nuclear warheads up to 600 miles.

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Pinochet's rule debated

By Tom Harvey

SANTIAGO, (UPI): Fifteen years after a coup ousted the first elected Marxist government in South America, Chileans are furiously debating whether the military and 72-year-old Gen. Augusto Pinochet, with his evangelical assurances of order and prosperity, should continue to govern.

On Sept 11, 1973, Pinochet, just 19 days after he was named Army commander, sent his tanks into the streets against the president while planes bombed the palace.

President Salvador Allende, a Socialist who wanted to achieve a revolution through constitutional means, died in the coup.

Now Pinochet, in a deliberate attempt to soften his image, has swapped his general's uniform for a suit and tie.

For the past year he has been stumping up and down the 2,600-mile-long (4,200 km) country asking for a "yes" vote in an Oct 5 plebiscite that will give him another eight years in office.

Handing out bicycles and home titles in poor neighbourhoods, surrounding himself with children, he warns on the campaign trail that a "no" vote threatens a communist resurgence just when the country is on the road to prosperity.

Domination
Opposition left and centrist parties that formed a united front in February say the plebiscite means a chance to restore the democratic soul of a country with a proud history of free, open elections and a step toward ending 15 years of physical, political and cultural domination by the military.

"At play in this plebiscite is a political scheme between dictatorship and democracy," says Ricardo Lagos, leader of a moderate socialist faction.

Pinochet, named the plebiscite's single candidate on Aug 30 by the ruling junta, already has been in power longer than any other leader in Chilean history.

If the plebiscite rejects his bid



Gen. Pinochet

for a new term, a presidential election will follow in about a year, coinciding with the first congressional elections since Pinochet seized power.

Pinochet says the congressional elections, which will be held regardless of the plebiscite's outcome, are part of a slow, stable transition to democracy, which will be guaranteed by his re-election.

Business groups and government officials daily tout the benefits of Pinochet's policies of slashing government spending, cutting the bureaucracy, throwing Chile open to low-priced imports while expanding exports.

Inflation this year is at an annual rate of 10 per cent, compared with 500 per cent for Peru, 380 per cent for Argentina and 1,500 per cent for Brazil.

Plebiscite
Pinochet said in a July newspaper interview the plebiscite choice is between the "advantages of a stable regime that will allow us to advance into the future as a developed nation" and "a profound regression and the return to backward and nationalized schemes that brought us to the path of Marxist socialism."

Allende's 1970 election was a heady time for leftists. Although it came to power with only 36 per cent of the vote, Allende's government set out to make large-scale changes in Chilean society, nationalising copper mines and other key industries and

accelerating the redistribution of farmland.

But inflation topped 500 per cent a year in 1973 as Allende's government, cut off by international lenders, printed money to pay for increased social spending. Agricultural production fell.

Housewives banged empty pots and pans in demonstrations to protest shortages.

Support
US President Richard Nixon, worried about a communist foothold in South America, approved a campaign of economic destabilization and authorized the Central Intelligence Agency to pursue behind-the-scenes support for a coup, according to a later congressional investigation.

Oswaldo Puccio, 35, now leader of a radical socialist faction, was inside the colonial La Moneda palace at the time of the coup with his father, Allende's secretary, who also survived the uprising and died in exile in East Germany in 1981.

"At 11 am the bombing began," Puccio said in an interview. "The situation was, frankly, chaotic in which there was a lot of shooting, and fires broke out."

Allende's death is attributed by different factions to either suicide or murder. The official government line is that Allende killed himself with a submachine gun given him as a gift by Fidel Castro.

Puccio, who left the palace to confer with military rebels before the president died, also thinks Allende killed himself because of his pledge to defend the presidency and his place in history. Other opponents of Pinochet and the late president's widow contend Allende was murdered.

Overthrow
After the overthrow, the military rounded up government officials and leftists, taking thousands to the National Stadium — a scene familiar to movie-goers in the film "Missing" about an American who disappeared in Chile following the coup.

Buddhist societies becoming violent

By Denis D. Gray

BANGKOK, (AP): Buddhists in Burma kill each other while saffron-robed monks shake fists against the government. The actions violate a 2,500-year-old Buddhist rule against taking life and a tradition of clergy shunning politics.

Buddhist societies from Sri Lanka to South Korea, Burma to Tibet have proved as prone to violence as others in recent times despite the precepts of Lord Buddha, the great religious teacher of the 5th Century BC.

Buddhist scholars say much of this violence, and political activism by the clergy, results from rapid modernization, economic inequalities and political repression.

"Buddhism molds the mentality to be tolerant, to bear all, but even good Buddhists can't live solely on religion," says Chatsumarn Kahlsingh, a religion professor at Bangkok's Thammasat University. "Basic needs must be met and stomachs filled."

Kampuchea, once a land of 90,000 monks in scores of quiet temples, was turned into a killing field by the savage Khmer Rouge. The current government says 3 million died in the 1975-78 reign of terror.

Afife
In wartime South Vietnam, protesting monks set themselves afire. More recently, conflict between the majority Sinhalese Buddhists and Hindu Tamils have left more than 8,000 dead in Sri Lanka.

A monk in Burma told a US visitor: "If the government doesn't change, the only way to prevent shedding the people's blood is to fight them to the death."

The image of Buddhist gentleness persists, however. Proponents like to say Buddhists have not waged crusades or burned heretics at the stake.

Southeast Asia's Theravada Buddhism, one of the religion's two major branches, places special emphasis on tolerance, equanimity and non-confrontation.

William Klausner, a US expert on Thai culture, says Buddhists try to avoid the confrontational behaviour — a sharp word, a push, a slap — others might employ in a situation of conflict.

"Violence is the last resort," he said. "But when the eruption comes it's going to be more

dramatic. The Thais say there is little manoeuvring room between the smile and the knife."

Chatsumarn at Thammasat University believes Buddhism to a large extent explains why the Burmese put up with 26 years of authoritarian misrule before rising up last month.

Demonstrating along with students and workers were monks who, at least in Theravada tradition, are enjoined to restrict their activities to the spiritual.

But monks marched, gave fiery speeches and were said to have largely replaced the government in Mandalay, Burma's second-largest city and a great religious centre.

Klausner said in an interview that monks in Sri Lanka, Burma and to some degree Vietnam had "legitimized a political role for themselves."

When Britain was the colonial power in Burma, it reduced the power of the monkhood, or "sangha," and the Buddhist clergy assumed a political role, helping expel the alien, Christian conquerors. Burma became independent in 1948.

Some analysts say many monks similarly regarded the socialism of military strongman Ne Win as an alien ideology and resented his efforts to co-opt and control clergy after he seized power in 1962.

Strain
A strain of aggressiveness is a long-standing characteristic of Mahayana Buddhism, practiced in Japan, Korea, China and Tibet.

Buddhist-hacked groups in 16th Century Japan would band together to overthrow feudal lords, and the monks of the Shaolin Temple in China were noted for truculence and their skill as warriors. The Shaolin Temple remains a centre for the study of martial arts.

About 70 people have been injured in recent fighting between the main Chokei sect in South Korea and its rivals. The antagonists, including monks, have attacked one another with clubs, iron pipes and knives.

Although Tibet's exiled religious leader, the Dalai Lama, urges non-violent resistance to Chinese rule, young Buddhist monks led riots last year and in March. They were involved in throwing rocks, burning vehicles and the death of a policeman who was beaten and flung from a monastery window.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1499 — French forces take Milan, Italy, with little opposition.
- 1557 — Pope Paul IV makes peace with Philip II of Spain.
- 1697 — Prince Eugene of Savoy defeats Turks at Zenta, Hungary.
- 1814 — US forces capture British flotilla on Lake Champlain in America.
- 1830 — Republic of Ecuador is established and granted constitution by Colombia under which it is to be part of Confederation of Colombia.
- 1840 — British bombard Beirut to force Mehmet Ali to submit.
- 1860 — Victor Emmanuel, king of Sardinia, invades papal states.
- 1922 — British mandate in Palestine is proclaimed while Arabs declare day of mourning.
- 1945 — Japan's former Premier Hideki Tojo attempts suicide, but recovers and later is executed as war criminal.
- 1962 — Soviet Union warns that any US attack on Cuban or on Soviet ships bound for Cuba would mean war.
- 1967 — Indian and Chinese troops clash in border area in the Himalayas.
- 1973 — Chile's President Salvador Allende Gossens is deposed in military coup, and military officials say he committed suicide rather than surrender.
- 1978 — At least 20 dead and 100 wounded are reported in gun battles between Nicaraguan troops and rebels intent on toppling President Anastasio Somoza.
- 1987 — Chad and Libya announce truce in territorial war after eight months of fighting.

Peace is breaking out, but it will be costly

By John Hughes

WASHINGTON: Peace is breaking out in a number of areas, and that is very good news.

Peace will also be costly. Nations must be rebuilt. Millions of human beings — displaced, injured, left homeless or without their families — must be cared for and given new hope. The bill for this relief and rebuilding project will be large.

It is not too soon to figure out how to pay for it. A prime candidate to help finance this massive humanitarian effort should be Japan. Here are some reasons:

Japan has become rich and is easily capable of supporting the project.

Japan has cut its own defence spending by sheltering under the defence umbrella of the United States.

Japan's constitution has prevented the dispatch of its warships to the Gulf, whereas oil comes, but has benefited from the efforts of others.

Because Japan has profited from the military exertions of others on its behalf, this would be a propitious moment for it to make an investment in peace.

A major international reconstruction effort by Japan would be good for its image.

Credibility
Japan, though not neutral in high-power politics, sometimes has a credibility the US lacks. For instance, Japan was one of the countries that could quickly engage Iran in discussion at a time when Iran's relations with the West were minimal or non-existent.

Finally, Japan has said it wants to play a more forceful role in international affairs.

Here is Japan's opportunity. The scope for involvement in humanitarian projects around the world is about to broaden dramatically.

The torment of Iran and Iraq, in which about 1 million people have died pointlessly, seems to be drawing to an end. There are refugees in the hundreds of thousands. Farms have been devastated, towns destroyed. Damage to oil installations is immense, and other industries have badly hurt. Presumably some oil-rich Middle Eastern countries will want to help, but there is opportunity enough for others.

The anguish of Iran and Iraq is closely rivaled by that of Afghanistan. Soviet occupation of Afghanistan has sent millions of refugees fleeing to Pakistan and secure parts of Iran. Afghan guerrillas are now busy harassing the withdrawing Soviet forces.

But whatever the ultimate military or political outcome, there is an immense relief operation to be undertaken as refugees flood back to lands devastated by warfare and towns obliterated by bombs. The United Nations is asking for \$1.2 billion for Afghanistan.

Rehabilitation
If current peace overtures come to fruition, there will be rehabilitation work in such countries as Angola and Kampuchea. The South Africans and Cubans have agreed in principle to withdraw their confronting troops from Angola and neighbouring Namibia. Meanwhile, if a political settlement can be worked out, Vietnam would withdraw its troops from Kampuchea by the end of 1990.

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Third World used as industrial waste dump

By Marek Mayer

WITHIN Western Europe and North America, a cargo of hazardous wastes crosses a national frontier more than once every five minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

That, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, was the situation five years ago. In total, some 2.3 million tonnes of hazardous waste were transported for disposal in another country in 1983, representing a virtually doubling of the trade just one year earlier.

Reliable statistics on the current scale of the trade are not available, but three things are certain. First, transfrontier shipments of waste have continued to grow apace since the early 1980s.

Second, countries are not longer looking overseas for disposal facilities simply for hazardous waste, but for very large quantities of everything from ordinary domestic refuse to incinerator ash and polluted soil.

And third, the trade now extends its tentacles well

As the cost of meeting the increasingly stringent environmental legislation imposed by Western governments on industry goes up, unscrupulous shipping agents and waste disposal companies are being paid to dump waste from industrialised countries on developing nations which have neither the technology nor know-how to process this hazardous cargo.

beyond the confines of the industrialised world, as waste producers sense the prospect of huge savings — and waste brokers huge profits — by finding cheap dumping outlets in the Third World.

Part of this trade can be ascribed to sound motives. Wastes such as polychlorinated biphenyls — transformer fluids which have now been banned because of their toxicity and persistence in the environment — have for years been finding their way from all over Europe,

and from as far afield as Australia, to two hazardous waste incinerators in Britain. High-temperature incineration is currently the only safe disposal option for these materials, but many countries lack such facilities.

But the trade has mushroomed in recent years mostly for other, less palatable reasons, and is bringing some nasty environmental hazards in its wake. By far the most important factor has been the increasing divergence in disposal prices between countries, in

turn reflecting the growing gap in waste disposal standards between the most advanced and the rest.

Cheap bulk transport has made it possible for entrepreneurs to exploit these differentials, making it economic for them to cart wastes over huge distances and still come away with a handsome profit.

The 3,500 tonnes of European chemical waste dumped in recent months in Koko, Nigeria, illustrate the margins involved.

Materials

The materials which found their way to Koko would cost between £200 and £1,000 per tonne to dispose of by high-temperature incineration in Europe. Dumped in Nigeria, the only disposal charge was a payment of £60 per month to a local landowner, though no doubt some further fees of the palm-greasing kind were incurred.

Equally powerful economic forces are at work in the US. There, some 2,700 landfills have been closed within the past five years, the vast majority of them due to tightening environmental laws.



Rubbish for a profit: drums of toxic waste from Europe in Koko, Nigeria. The 3,500 tonnes of toxic materials would cost between £200-£1000 per tonne to dispose of by high-temperature incineration. Dumped in Nigeria, the only disposal charge was £60 per month to a local landowner.

Replacements have proved difficult to find, and as a result the east coast states in particular are up against a growing waste disposal crisis.

While disposal costs for domestic refuse in the US are running at an average of \$14 per tonne, many districts in the New York area are now paying over \$100 per tonne to have their rubbish carted several hundred miles to landfills inland.

Within the past few months, however, a solution has been sought in the east. Eying the attractively low landfill charges of £5 per tonne or less in the UK, a British company, Power, Water & Waste, has proposed to ship over two million tonnes of domestic waste annually across the Atlantic into Cornwall and Cheshire.

The quantity of waste involved — equivalent to 10 per cent of all the refuse generated each year in the whole of

Britain — is phenomenal, and would bring with it potential hazards such as the creation of explosive methane gas from the decomposing rubbish, and the possible importation of plant and animal pests and diseases.

Many US municipalities, squeezed by the growing shortage of landfill capacity, have looked to incineration as the alternative solution. Mass burning of this kind, however, leaves an ash residue equivalent to about 30 per cent of the original waste volume.

Capacity

The residue, unfortunately, is sometimes so heavily contaminated with metals and dioxins that it qualifies as a hazardous waste.

In some parts of the USA disposal capacity is not available even for this rendered down waste.

The city of Philadelphia, increasingly desperate as ash

from one of its municipal incinerators grew into a 250,000-tonne stockpile, passed 13,500 tonnes of the material to a waste disposal firm in August 1986, which in turn placed it on a Liberian-registered vessel, the Khian Sea. Originally destined for dumping in the Bahamas, the cargo was refused entry not only there but in Bermuda, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and across the Atlantic, in Guinea-Bissau.

Some 3,000 tonnes of the cargo were eventually dumped in Haiti last January, but when the authorities sought to have the waste reloaded the Khian Sea made its escape in the middle of the night. Since then, the vessel has returned to Philadelphia, and sailed off again with its cargo to an unknown destination.

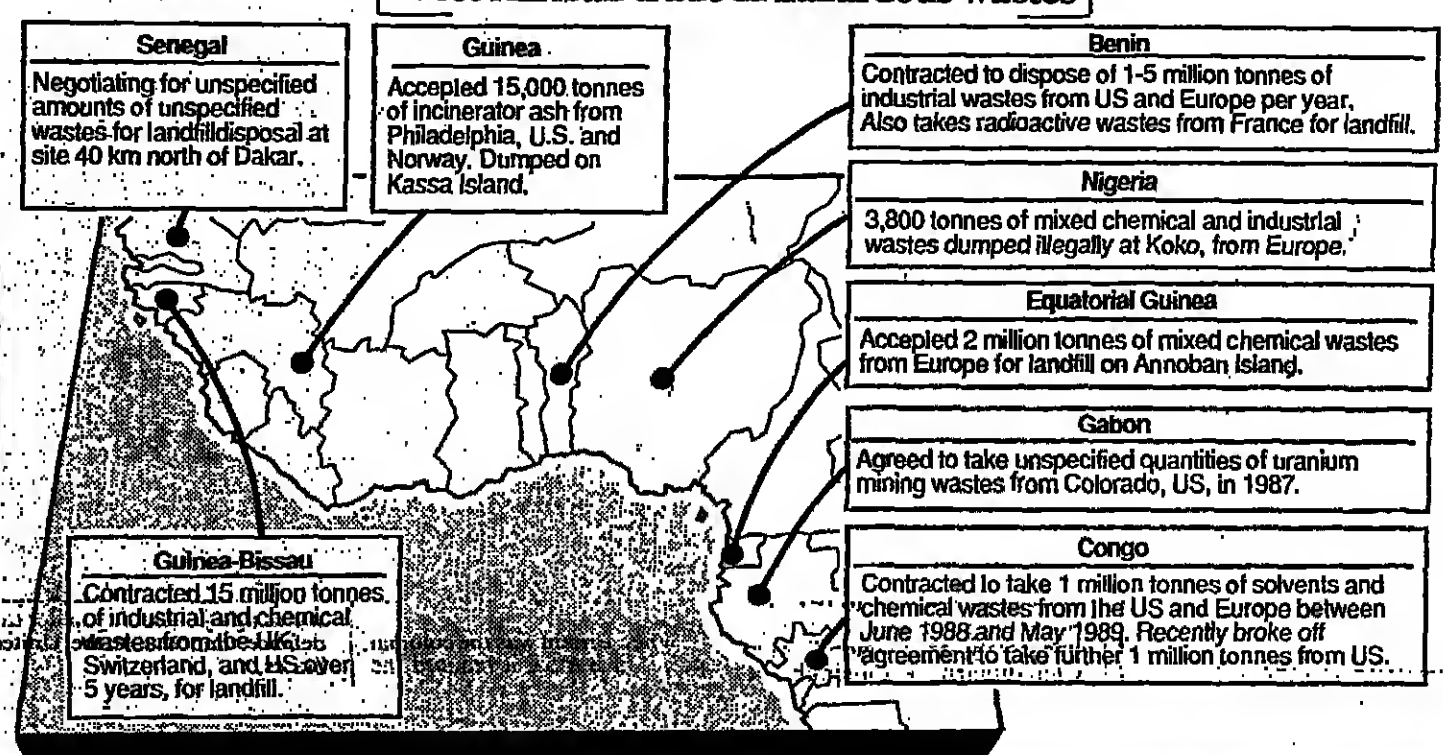
The peregrinations of this and other vessels from both Europe and the USA around west Africa and Latin America

suggest that some Third World governments are getting wise to the idea that their countries are being exploited as dumping grounds. And work is under way under the aegis of the UN Environment Programme to prepare a global convention which will help to regulate the trade.

The pressures for globe-trotting of this kind are, however, enormous, and will intensify as stricter waste management laws in parts of the Western world outpace the creation of new, more sophisticated disposal capacity.

Governments in countries such as the USA, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the West Germany which have led the way in protecting their own populations from the hazards of waste dumping, will soon have to consider whether in doing so they have helped merely to foist the problem on to less fortunate people.

West African trade in hazardous wastes



Pollution: yet another foe in Lebanon

By Riad Kaj

BEIRUT, Lebanon, (UPI) — Many Lebanese don't eat fish any more and many more don't swim in the Mediterranean. Foreigners, they say, are poisoning their sea.

Health Minister Joseph Al Hashem stopped just short of banning Lebanese from eating fish, one of their main types of food. He advised people to "decrease" eating fish. His words were taken seriously.

Many fish shops and stalls are closed. Beaches along Lebanon's 90-mile (145-km) coast are largely empty. Few swim in the sea.

Pollution worries have been snowballing since June, when some 2,000 tons of toxic substances, including defoliants and pesticides, were found dumped on the Keswan shore north of Beirut.

Experts determined that the materials, brought from Italy, were poisonous and constituted a serious threat to

public health if kept in the open air or buried randomly.

Later fishermen in the southern port city of Tyre towed in several barrels of suspected poisonous material dumped at sea by an unknown ship.

Rumors of pollution dangers have become an obsession since then.

"I converted into a vegetable vendor and closed my fish shop," said Saeed Mahfouz, 30, in Tyre. "The fish business was crushed here because of reports that the sea waters are polluted."

He said Tyre's 1,500 fishermen and fish merchants all had been affected.

"My fish are not polluted and cheap," cried his neighbor, Ali Awdeh, 35, trying to attract customers from a crowd at the market. Even his salesmanship and fish prices one-quarter of their previous level brought almost no takers.

Antoine Katra, 40, a tall, mustachioed fisherman, said Israeli Naval officers checking

his boat at sea once told him the stories about sea pollution were "ridiculous."

"Logically, we don't believe that the sea waters are polluted. If this is true, fish would float dead," Katra said.

Desperate, a fisherman at the port swallowed a bite of a powdered substance which he said was in the recovered barrels, trying to prove it was safe. Unconfirmed reports said the substance was used in paints.

Italian ambassador Antonio Mancini, after a June meeting with acting foreign minister Selim Hoss, said his government was ready to pay \$3 million to help "remove and destroy" the wastes that were dumped north of Beirut.

The barrels recovered off Tyre, now in Beirut port, were first unloaded at Latakia, Syria, the Al Diyar newspaper said. It said Damascus ordered their removal when one barrel blew up, killing one person.

In an official statement, Syria said tests by its army

determined that Syrian territorial waters were not polluted.

"Our waters are not closed," said Lebanese Interior Minister Abdullah Al Rasi. "If there is pollution, this must hit territorial waters in neighbouring countries."

"We are facing a new kind of war," said Badie Yousef, 25, at the Riviera beach in Beirut. "Maybe we can avoid shells or bullets. But how can we avoid pollution?"

"I swim in sea waters," said Riad Raad, 29. "If there is pollution, we will see dead fish at sea."

But sunbather Joseph Eid, 40, said: "I don't swim these days. I don't want to take risks. I have no choice, but to take these rumours seriously."

"We are losing a lot of money," said Marwan Al Rifai, owner of Long Beach. Like many other beaches, he has filled pools with well water to attract customers. "But only a small number of people come," he said.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

EB IS INHERITED SKIN DISEASE AFFECTING CHILDREN

QUESTION: Doctors have two incredible habits, either they talk in words too long to understand or they are forever using just initials. Please translate for me. Just what is the skin disease EB?

ANSWER: EB stands for epidermolysis bullosa, which is too hard for even a doctor to say and so is abbreviated using the initials. It is an inherited skin disease affecting children. Because it occurs rarely, we call it an orphan disease — a disease that lacks a solid research basis with no cure in sight.

Blisters occur constantly on the skin, erupt and then scar. The most gentle touch of a hand can cause the blisters. Kids with EB must be constantly protected from everything in the world. Just as we keep babies away from things that will hurt them, everything can hurt the child with EB.

It has its varieties: EB simplex occurs at birth, it is non-scarring and may affect nails, hair and mucous membranes. What is heartening in this form of the disease is that the patient improves with age.

Functional EB is more serious. It too occurs at birth with blistering, but also produces a tightening and thinning of the

skin. In its severe forms it is a killer through infection or blistering of the GI tract, kidney or bladder within the first two months of life.

Dystrophic EB causes blistering in areas of the body where there is friction — hands, feet, knees. Each of these varieties has a recessive or dominant form, depending upon the genetic inheritance.

As I said earlier, it is a disease without a cure and treatment methods are cloudy. Skin grafts, like those used for burn victims, have sometimes been helpful. Some pharmacologic approaches have been tried. Nursing therapy is at the core of EB treatment involving the day-to-day decisions about just what can touch these kids' skin without further harm.

QUESTION: This poor guy I know has to have three pairs of pants because he keeps developing fluid in his belly and needs larger and larger pants. When the doctors take the fluid out, he can get back into small pants. What causes fluid in the abdomen?

ANSWER: Ascites, or the presence of fluid in the abdominal cavity, is a telltale sign of disease and its exact cause must be identified before appropriate treatment

measures can be taken. The accumulation of fluid can result from a variety of conditions, though nearly 75 per cent of the cases are related to cirrhosis of the liver. Cancer and cardiac failure can also cause the condition, as can tuberculosis and pancreatic and kidney disease.

Normally, the abdominal cavity contains less than 50 milliliters of fluid, so large amounts of fluid can be easily detected when a patient's abdomen becomes tense and distended. The patient may also experience abdominal pain and fever.

However, the clinical situation does not always lend itself to easy diagnosis, and due to the potential seriousness of the condition, it is necessary to analyze the fluid so that proper treatment can be started.

Paracentesis, a technique used to withdraw fluid from the abdominal cavity, is the current diagnostic approach. With recent advances in ascitic fluid analysis, it is now possible to tell which disease is causing the fluid to build up. Such advances have made diagnosis and management of ascites easier than it has ever been in the past.

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No international law barring transfrontier shipments

By Robert Walgate and Jacquelyn Craw

LONDON: The recent dumping of US and European toxic waste in Nigeria has highlighted an appalling gap in legislation: there is no binding international law governing the transfrontier shipment and dumping of toxic wastes in developing countries.

Existing international law only bans the disposal of toxic waste at sea under the 1972 London Dumping Convention.

However, provisions in US law and a so far ineffective European Communities (EC) Directive do provide some regulation based on the principle of "prior informed consent."

The 1986 EC Directive on the Transfrontier Shipment of Toxic Waste — which in the intricacies of EC law must be enacted by individual European governments before it has any effect — requires exporting countries to send a "consignment note" to the receiving country warning it of any shipment of hazardous waste.

The note must contain details of the source and composition of the waste, route, insurance against third parties, measures for safe transport and compliance with any conditions required by EC member states, and on the existence of a contractual agreement with the consignee of the waste in the receiving country.

The waste cannot be shipped until the country of destination formally accepts it and the EC member states must know that the receiving country has the technical capacity to handle it.

The effective date for implementation of the Directive was 1 January 1987, yet to date only three EC member states, Belgium, Denmark and Greece, have passed national legislation enacting it.

Appalling gap in legislation

Italy has not drafted appropriate legislation. Nor has Spain. But other members plan to implement the Directive by the end of 1988.

The European Commission, which drafts legislation for approval by member governments, admits that the existing Directive could be strengthened. The Commission may suggest providing "technical assistance" to developing countries to help them dispose of toxic waste exported from member states, if they request it, but by no means all Commission suggestions become European law.

The Commission also believes that the African governments themselves can play an important role by passing legislation to curb the dumping of toxic waste in their own countries.

In fact the members of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have already proposed strict legislative measures. They have agreed to make it a criminal offence in national law to assist in the dumping of toxic waste, and have also proposed the setting up of a monitoring group "Dumpwatch."

Convention

In the United States, national law provides for a similar system of prior notification by waste exporters. The waste cannot be moved until the recipient country gives written consent to the disposal of the waste on its territory.

However, gaps exist in the US legislation. Its definition of "hazardous wastes" excludes incinerator ash, which can be extremely toxic.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), based in Nairobi, is actively working on an internationally binding convention to control the transportation and disposal of toxic wastes. According to UNEP the convention is "tentatively" due to be signed in Basel, Switzerland, in March 1989.

The basic provision of the convention will be to force exporters to notify importers in advance of shipments of toxic wastes. An agreed list of toxic wastes will be drawn up.

But, at a meeting held this June in Caracas, Venezuela, to discuss draft proposals for the convention, there was considerable disagreement between the developing country delegates and the industrialised country delegates about the definition of "toxic wastes," the controls on transit countries, and notification procedures to waste-receiver countries.

According to developing country delegates, the convention should ban waste exports unless there is sufficient proof of the existence of adequate capacity to handle and monitor the waste in the receiver country. They also believe the industrialised countries should fund a proposed monitoring and technical assistance agency for receiver countries.

In Caracas, the Egyptian delegation argued that the responsibility for toxic waste should always remain with the country that produced it.

Jamaica warned of permanent environmental damage to developing countries that received hazardous waste, since their knowledge of the wastes and their expertise in handling

them are insufficient. Senegal, representing Africa, also requested aid in waste handling techniques, and pointed out that developing countries themselves produced waste — and often disposed of it improperly.

The Caracas meeting also heard from the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) that it has received reports on illicit toxic waste dumping in 11 countries from Finland to Venezuela, including:

★ **Guinea**, where in early 1988 a Norwegian firm's subsidiary based in the United States had exported 15,000 tonnes of fly-ash from city waste incinerators in Philadelphia in the US to Guinea. The fly-ash was imported as "construction materials" by another Norwegian firm and dumped on an island near the capital, Conakry. Later analysis showed high levels of toxic chemicals, including dioxins and heavy metals.

★ **Thailand**, which reported several instances of illegal imports of toxic chemicals from Singapore.

★ **Venezuela**, where a private Italian company had dumped 11,000 leaking barrels of "extremely toxic and corrosive" chemical waste, without informing the Venezuelan Government. The drums were returned to Italy in October last year. While in Venezuela the drums were in constant danger of explosion.

According to a UNEP official at the end of last month "at least two" more meetings will be held before agreement on the proposed new international convention might emerge.

For the time being, exporters and importers of waste are expected to follow the unenforceable "Cairo guidelines" approved by UNEP in 1987 as a basis of the planned convention.

ANDY CAPP

By Smith



Replacement won't be easy or without cost

Race to develop alternatives for CFC

By Tom Troy

WILMINGTON, Delaware, (UPI) — In the 1930s, scientists were given a problem and asked to discover a solution. The problem was the use of toxic and flammable ammonia as a refrigerant. The solution was chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs.

CFCs — the propellants later used in aerosol cans — were cheap, plentiful, easy to make. They quickly became a mainstay for industry.

Ironically, the CFCs — the best-known brand is Freon — are now known to be environmentally hazardous. Heavy concentrations of the chlorine compound in the stratosphere are destroying the ozone layer that shields the earth from dangerous ultraviolet rays.

The compounds are also contributing 15 to 20 percent of the "greenhouse gases" that are causing the phenomenon of global warming.

Most of the world's makers of CFCs have admitted the scientific evidence against the chemical compound, and are now engaged in a race to develop alternatives in time to meet the scheduled phase out of the product set in the Montreal protocol, a UN-sponsored agreement reached in September 1987.

Replacing CFCs won't be easy or without cost.

Equipment valued at \$135 billion now runs on CFCs, including everything from factory machinery to car air conditioners, and will have to be retrofitted or scrapped.

Manufacturers who earn \$28 billion a year on sales of the commodity chemical will have to join the race to develop alternatives, and the machines to produce them, chemical industry executives said.

The 715,000 US workers who rely on CFC-related industries will have to hope their corporate employers stay on par in the shift to alternatives.

E.I. Du Pont de Nemours and Co., the world's largest maker of CFCs, including Freon, announced in March that it would go beyond the



A supermarket selection of aerosols. Many such products are contributing to the build-up of CFC and threatening the ozone layer.

Montreal protocol calling for a 50 per cent reduction by 1998 and eliminate CFC production completely by the year 2003.

Joseph Steed, environmental director for the Freon products division, said the company's decision was based on a long-standing policy that it will not deal in products that cannot be handled safely.

Most other countries and companies have agreed only to a freeze by July 1989 and a 50 per cent reduction by 1998, as called for in the Montreal protocol.

America's second-largest domestic CFC-maker, Allied-Signal Corp. of Morristown, New Jersey, has declined to commit itself to a total phase-out, saying for the largest producers to bow out of the CFC market would remove the pressure on the rest of the world to go along.

The threat of CFCs to the environment was first noted in a 1974 study that observed a gap in the ozone layer over Antarctica.

In 1978, the government banned the use of CFCs as propellants in aerosol contain-

ers. The decision caused only a temporary drop in CFC production.

Other studies followed. The most convincing evidence was contained in a report issued by the Ozone Trends Panel in March, prompting Du Pont's surprise announcement to phase out CFC production completely.

Scientists say the properties that make CFCs so attractive to industry also make it dangerous to the stratosphere. Its chemical stability keeps it from interacting with other chemicals or materials. It poses no toxic or fire hazard.

Likewise, CFCs remain inert as they drift up through the atmosphere. Once on the far side of the protective ozone layer, the sun's ultraviolet rays break down the CFC compound, freeing the chlorine atom.

The atom attacks the ozone molecules, and can do a dizzying amount of damage because it is able to recover immediately from the interaction and attack more ozone molecules.

CFCs are used in the chilling coils of refrigerators, freezers

and air conditioners. They are used as blowing agents to make home insulation board, food packaging and car seats. They are used as solvents and cleaners by the electronics and computer industries.

"Virtually all of this equipment, some of it with a remaining useful lifetime of 30 to 40 years, will require replacement with more expensive versions," said Steed. "For some industries, the impacts of change would be even more dramatic. Entire industries would fold and hopelessly at least, be replaced by others."

"I think it's been a real race to try to develop alternatives," Industry executives say the race is not so much to invent alternatives — those compounds are well known and in the public domain — but to isolate the ones that are not toxic or flammable and then develop the processes for using them.

"The real challenge is how to come up with the machinery," said Kristen Elliott, a spokeswoman for Allied-Signal. "It's going to be very expensive because it demands a lot more

steps in the manufacturing process than is out there today."

Du Pont itself has now dedicated three manufacturing facilities to developing alternatives. Allied-Signal belongs to a coalition of CFC-makers that have started joint toxicity testing to compress the time frame in which new chemicals are usually introduced.

What impact will consumers feel?

If the phase-out is handled prudently, and the alternatives are in place in time, there should be no interruption in consumer goods, although industry executives say it may be necessary to retain some CFCs used in critical areas, such as medical technology.

Steed notes that CFCs are so cheap — typically 50 cents a pound — that even a 10-fold increase in price would hardly be noticeable in a new refrigerator that uses one pound of coolant.

The cost could come if air conditioners and refrigerators have to be replaced or retrofitted to accommodate the new compound.

Costs will come in other ways, as well. Insulating wall board will lose some of its efficiency, which will result in either thicker walls or higher energy costs.

"I would say that in the short term nobody's going to feel any effects because the culbacks aren't until July 1 of next year," Elliott said. "Beyond that, undoubtedly there will be some price impacts on people and there will be differences in what things look like."

"These needs have to be met and the substitutes will meet the needs," Elliott said. "That's the aim and on top of everything else we're aiming to have them environmentally safe."

Environmental groups are maintaining pressure on the industry and the federal environmental protection agency to commit to a total ban on CFCs by the turn of the century, but they are gratified by the industry's willingness to confront the issue.



More than half the 25,000 common seals in British waters could be dead by the end of the year. Pollution is believed to be a significant contributory factor in the epidemic.

Virus killing British seals

By Thomson Prentice

MORE than half the 25,000 common seals in British waters could be dead by the end of the year and thousands are likely to be washed up on beaches in the coming months, wildlife experts said recently.

The disease killing the seals, which Dutch researchers say is primarily due to the canine distemper virus (CDV), could spread like myxomatosis which killed millions of rabbits in the 1950s.

An emergency treatment centre for seals affected by the North Sea epidemic is to be set up in Norfolk after a meeting between the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Greenpeace, the environmental group.

Wildlife experts at the meeting said that between 50 and 80 per cent of seals in British waters might die.

Mr Colin Booty, RSPCA wildlife officer, said: "Things are likely to get very much worse before they get better." The new seal "hospital" will have the co-operation of the

Sea Mammal Research Unit, Cambridge, but diseased animals will not be given CDV vaccines. "There is no point. The most we can do is save a small number of seals," Mr Booty said.

Mr Paul Vadden, wildlife campaigner for Greenpeace, said: "This is potentially the greatest ecological disaster for any wild mammal in the UK."

Local authorities in Norfolk are drawing up plans to dispose of dead seals. Each carcass will be marked with fluorescent paint to prevent multiple call-outs. In the past two weeks 250 dead or dying seals have been washed up on the east coast.

Posters are to be produced, warning of potential health hazards, and an appeal is being made to dog owners to make sure their pets are vaccinated against distemper.

The European Commission suspects that Britain is responsible for some of the North Sea pollution which could be implicated in the seals' deaths. Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the outgoing Environment Commissioner, said that the EEC

believed that pollution was probably a "significant contributory factor" in the epidemic.

He attacked some countries within the community for their lack of action on pollution control.

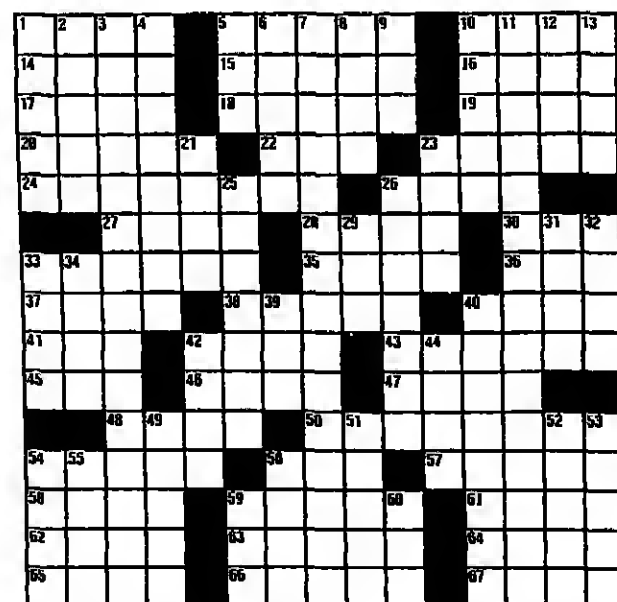
"The death of the seals clearly shows the damage we have done to Europe's seas," he said.

He did not mention the UK by name, but Common Market insiders were convinced yesterday that his comments were aimed largely at Britain. As a commissioner he cannot single out individual member states for criticism.

Some evidence that the epidemic has spread to the Irish Sea emerged recently. In the past month, 30 dead seals have been found off the north coast of Co Down, compared with an annual average of 100 deaths around the coast of Northern Ireland.

Scientists are carrying out tests on blood samples from several animals to determine whether there is a link with the North Sea epidemic.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Rude one
 - Popular style of cooking
 - Emulate
 - Mademoiselle
 - Sit for a contest
 - "Cheers" actress
 - Does simple math
 - David or James
 - Lively dance
 - Indonesian island
 - Beauty parlor production
 - Director and choreographer
 - Bob —
 - Between high and low tide
 - French composer
 - Manet's "Olympia", e.g.
 - Lend of the courts
 - Take advantage of
 - Machine's stationary part
 - Tom, Dick or Harry
 - Drink made with eggs
 - Ice-cream treat
 - Likewise
 - Po tributary
 - Fort —, near Monterey
 - Emmy-winning series
 - Dump
 - An explosive, for short
 - Mansard, for one
- DOWN**
- Gary or Moss
 - Dressed for the stage
 - Office worker
 - Angelic's title
 - Steam bath
 - Party giver
 - East Flanders city: Fr.
 - Absolute ruler
 - Curved arch
 - More recent
 - Radial
 - Sound from the belfry
 - Thick-headed
 - Served a winner
 - DOWN
 - Uses a whisk
 - Goodie from the past
 - Spencer Tracy film, with "The"
 - Faithful
 - Hack
 - Came up
 - Scott's India, with "The"
 - Part of BTU
 - Dundee denel
 - Flynn of the movies
 - Trapp family
 - Three, to Luigi
 - Passing marks
 - Hardy
 - Make over
 - Piece for worship, to a poet
 - Green
 - Actress
 - Dorothy et al.
 - Container
 - Fountain favorite
 - Mild interjection
 - Glaswegian
 - Actor Rip
 - Fatal follower
 - Howler monkey
 - Clark or Spitz
 - Negatives
 - Workers' cooperative in the USSR
 - Watering holes
 - Lake in Finland
 - Took a gamble
 - Axe
 - Theatre section
 - Runt off
 - "Song — Dance"
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- TIGER PIAT AGE
ADDRE ARCH BONA
CLASP JEREMIADS
TYLER AVE ADDUP
BAHAMAS INRE SNEERS
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HOIST ARI IBSEN
INVECTIVE BRAVO
PEEL ADES EAVIES
DRS WED STIERE

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
HOW TO MANUFACTURE AN ENTRY

East-West, vulnerable, West deals.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7 2
♥ A 10 7 6
♦ Q 7
♣ K Q 5

WEST
♠ A 4
♥ K 9 4 3
♦ K 9 8 4
♣ A J 7

EAST
♠ J 9 6 5
♥ 2
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ 8 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 10 8 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ J 10 6
♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:
West North East South
1 NT Dbl Pass 2 ♠
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

It is usually the game and slam hands that draw the attention of the bridge columnist. But once in a while a part-score contract provides a real gem.

East-West were using 15-17 point no trump opening bids. North's double showed a good hand, and we do not agree with South's decision to bale out on a weak, balanced hand. Had he passed, however, we would not have witnessed some sparkling play.

West led the ace of spades and

continued the suit. Since East surely held a high diamond (West would have led a diamond had he held A-K in the suit), West had to have the king of hearts for his no trump opener. Declarer's problem, therefore, was to get to his hand to take the trump finesse.

He won the queen of spades and led the queen of diamonds. East shot up with the ace and gave his partner a spade ruff. West cashed the king of diamonds, then completed the defensive hook by taking his ace of clubs. On this trick declarer sportingly jettisoned the table's king of clubs!

The defenders had no way to counter this brilliant unblock. West had to have the jack of clubs to account for his 15th point, so if he continued with a low club, declarer would let that ride round to his ten. If, instead, West switched back to diamonds, the jack would be the entry to declarer's hand. Either way, South would be able to take the marked finesse for the king of hearts to land his touch-and-go contract.

Incidentally, let's give West full marks for his prescient defense. Note how critical it was to cash the king of diamonds to prevent being thrown in with that card later in the hand.



"Looks like they hit the supply wagon."

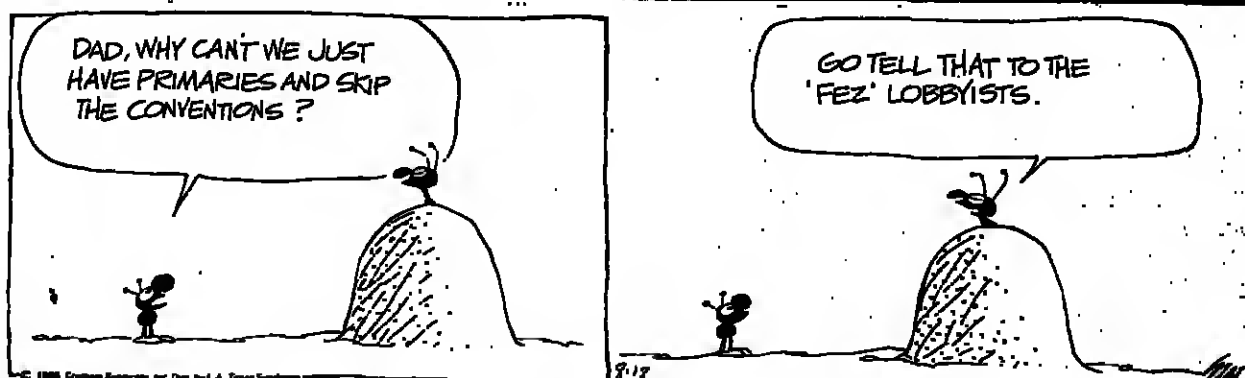
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You should not allow your emotions to run rife. You will have to take especial care not to put a foot wrong. Avoid doing anything to create confusion. Be alert.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You will be feeling a little better than of late. There will be some personal success, but enough to be smug about. You should not attempt to do things by force. Be reasonable.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You will be able to relax and should do so. Try to avoid company that is not congenial to you. You should not give way to your impulses. Be loyal.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You will be able to make good progress with a personal project. When learning something new persevere and it will come to you. You should not think you are the only one who knows what is to be done. Be cordial.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You should stick to what is strictly practical. Do not allow a certain amount of personal success to go to your head. You must not try to do too many things all at once. Be a little more patient.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You should stick to what is strictly practical. Do not allow a certain amount of personal success to go to your head. You must not try to do too many things all at once. Be a little more patient.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
You will be better able to cope with the situation. Something you had feared might happen will not. You will be able to liberate yourself from some resentments. Be less demanding.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You should not rely on luck to get you out of any kind of trouble. Avoid doing anything that you know would be on your conscience. It would be wrong for you to ask for more than you deserve. Be truthful.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will be feeling a little out of sorts and should try to take things easy. Avoid trying to drown your sorrows. You should make sure you do not forget some small favour. Be more tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
The Moon's influence will tend to make you a little more anxious. You should try not to allow thoughts of work to intrude upon your leisure. You should seek to look on the bright side. Be constructive.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You should not allow yourself to be taken advantage of. Do not try to adopt a pace of activity that will tire you out. Pay a little more attention to the state of your health. Be attentive.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should think a little harder about what to do before you do so. You must avoid taking too much for granted. Do not trust someone you do not know very well. Be resilient.

Marcos denies plan to buy castle

FORMER President Marcos said he has no intention of buying a castle in Austria, contrary to intelligence reports quoted by the government-run Philippines News Agency last Thursday.

The PNA reported that an intelligence report reaching the Department of Foreign Affairs indicated that Marcos planned to move to Austria where he would buy a castle and a royal title.

In Honolulu, Marcos aide Gemmo Trinidad called the story "ridiculous." He said it was another attempt by certain elements in preventing him from returning to the Philippines.

"President Marcos has stated numerous times that the only place he's going after Hawaii is the Philippines," Trinidad said.

Sulu sultan heirs press Sabah claim

HEIRS of the Sultanate of Sulu asked that the government cease all moves to drop unilaterally its claim on the Malaysian state of Sabah and to refer the dispute to the United Nations.

"It is deplorable that the Philippine government will drop the claim to Sabah, which has strong historical validity," said Tahirah Al Sharif Kiram, a descendant of the Sultan of Sulu, in a press statement.

"The Kiram family would like to ask President Aquino to elevate the Sabah claim to the United Nations, if necessary, to seek the urgent assistance of the world body as well as the sympathy of the leaders of the major powers."

He said the Malaysian government was paying the Sultan's heirs about 3,500 ringgits annually for Sabah, "a glaring example of tyranny and injustice compared to the billions of US dollars it receives from Sabah's revenues."

Pedophiles resurface in Makati

THREE French nationals, suspected to be pedophiles, were arrested by Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) agents in their rented apartment in Makati, together with two boys, aged 7 and 13.

Assistant Commissioner Bencivenido Alano identified those arrested as Norbert Amion, Daniel Christian Grob and Mark Luvel.

The three were placed under surveillance after they were noticed going around with young street boys.

The three were brought to the CID office for questioning.

Four vigilantes killed in Negros

BACOLOD CITY: About 50 communist rebels strayed a row of thatched houses in a remote village of Guibugan, Negros Oriental killing four vigilantes and seriously wounding another, military authorities here said.

In other incidents, some 1,000 guerrillas of the New People's Army (NPA) and their sympathizers surrendered to the military, while four hardcore rebels were captured in Negros island also last week.

The NPA attack took place in Sitio Upat-Bato, Brgy. Tacpao, Guibugan, which resulted in the death of Delosendo Montecino and brothers Juno and Jun, the military said.

Investments up by 41 per cent

INVESTMENT in the Philippines leapt 41.2 per cent from a year earlier to P6.06 billion in the seven months to July, the Securities and Exchange Commission said.

The exchange gave no breakdown for local and foreign investment. But newspapers said local investment rose 36.4 per cent to P4.81 billion in the period while foreign investment grew 64.1 per cent to P1.25 billion.

Manila, Amman to sign labour agreement

MANILA and Amman are set to sign a labour agreement that will spell out the rights of Filipino workers in Jordan, a senior diplomat at the foreign office said. About 4,500 Filipino workers, mostly domestics, are employed in Jordan at present.

Pilipino becomes official language

By Louie T. Logarta and Cynthia Balana

PILIPINO has been declared by President Aquino as the official language to be used in government agencies.

In accordance with the Constitution which expressly provides that Pilipino is the country's national language, the President issued Executive Order 335 replacing English as the official mode of communication in government.

In a related development, the country's educators urged all colleges and universities to use Pilipino as the medium of instruction.

The Office of the Executive Secretary said EO 335 directs all government offices and agencies to use Pilipino in their official transactions, communications

and correspondences.

The President also ordered the names of government offices, buildings, public offices, office signboards, names of divisions or instrumentalities translated into Pilipino.

Aquino also ordered all office heads to assign one or more employees to handle all the communications and correspondences in Pilipino and to make proficiency in the language part of personnel training and development programmes.

Instructed

Aquino said that by intensifying the use of Pilipino in the government, the public would understand and appreciate better the government's programmes and projects.

The language, she said, shall be further developed and enriched on the basis of existing Philippine languages.

The President instructed the Institute of Philippine Languages (IPL) to launch a public information campaign on the need to use Pilipino as an instrument for progress and national unity.

The IPL shall train government officials and employees not fluent in the language and shall monitor the implementation of the order.

On the education front, 200 school executives attending the three-day Conference on Higher Education, called for the use of Pilipino in all colleges to prepare students for the "Filipinisation" of the country's educational programme.

At present, the colleges and universities adopt bilingualism, as ordered by the education department.

But university heads claimed that the order contradicts Section 6, Article 14 of the Constitution which provides for Pilipino as the medium of instruction in all schools.

The education authorities also contend that bilingual education has only made difficult the learning of basic courses in college.

As an initial step to promote the use of Pilipino in colleges, the educators asked the President, Congress and the education department to provide scholarships or any form of incentives to train instructors who are not proficient in the language.

UP president Jose Abueva, however, proposed the initial use of the language in teaching subjects under general education.

The educators also recommended that instructional materials in English being sold in the universities be translated in Pilipino without additional charges on students.

Aquino throws down the gauntlet to Enrile

By Luis Logarta and Marlen Ronquillo

PRESIDENT Aquino has challenged Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile in prosecute presidential relatives and close associates whom he had accused of "systematic looting" of public and private property.

"If, indeed, Senator Enrile has evidence against any of my relatives, then he should file the appropriate charges," Director Joaquin Lagunera of the Presidential Staff quoted Ms. Aquino as saying.

As the President threw down the gauntlet, Enrile delivered a privilege speech suggesting that Tarlac Rep. Hermilio Aquino, businessman Ricardo "Baby" Lopa, and Paul Aquino — uncle-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively — of Ms. Aquino, of being part of the "gang" milking government agencies and grabbing sequestered firms.

Enrile had been challenged to "name names" by Sen. Agapito "Butz" Aquino. "I challenge the minority floor leader to name names if he ever shares our people's dreams of building the nation out of the ruins of the past corrupt regime of which he was once part of," the senator said.

The President, in answer to probed questions from newsmen covering Malacanang, said all her relatives are answerable like anybody else for any wrongdoing they may commit.

Ms. Aquino reiterated her position that no special favour should be extended to any of her relatives.

"The President will apply the full force of the law on them," said Lagunera, who was pinbattering for Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno.

Lagunera said the President also ordered all investigating agencies of the government to give due course to any charge which may be raised by Enrile or any other person against her relatives.

In his speech, Enrile suggested that:

- Hermilio Aquino was part of a "gang" which milked the funds of government agencies through "unconscionable allowances and interlocking directorships."
- Deals under which Lopa took over 36 corporations formerly owned by Benjamin "Kokoy"

'If, indeed, Senator Enrile has evidence against any of my relatives, then he should file the appropriate charges'

Romualdez were questionable.

- Paul Aquino was part of the group which took over Security Bank, a sequestered bank.

Enrile said Congressmen Aquino used to be a top official of the Strategic Investments and Development Corp. (SIDCOR), which paid "unconscionable allowances and salaries" to its officials.

"Documents allege that officials of SIDCOR and its subsidiaries have awarded themselves through self-serving board resolutions, salaries and allowances and other benefits which provide them total incomes that are excessive and unconscionable," Enrile said.

Again without citing specifics, Enrile said the highly paid officials of SIDCOR were "actually part of a gang of 12" which has interlocking directorships at firm, its subsidiaries and other government agencies, which used to be under the defunct Ministry of Human Settlements.

The agencies, Enrile said, may have been formed without legal basis.

During the interpellation, Enrile quoted reports on the takeover by Lopa — the husband

of Ms. Aquino's sister Teresita — took over 36 corporations formerly owned by Marcos brother-in-law Benjamin "Kokoy" — Romualdez for P5 million.

Enrile said there are several questions on the takeover by Lopa which remain unanswered. He quoted former Chairman Ramon Diaz of the Presidential Commission on Good Government as saying the takeover was made in February 1986 immediately after the EDSA revolution.

He also said Paul Aquino was required to be part of a group which took over Security Bank, the sequestered bank which investigators said was used as a conduit by deposed President Marcos to launder dollars to the US.

The bank was controlled by Marcos through financial adviser Rolando Gapud, who has conveyed in the PCGG his desire to testify on Marcos' ownership.

Senator Aquino, brother of Paul, moved for the investigation of Enrile's charges and asked the chamber that this be conducted by the Senate blue ribbon committee.

Informed of the charges, Congressmen Aquino asked the House leaders to give him an opportunity to rebut the "vicious attacks" by Enrile against him and his family.

But Mitra ruled that the House is not the proper forum because of the "interparliamentary courtesy between the two chambers."

Mitra suggested that Aquino seek other venues to answer Enrile's charges.

Court defers decision on Marcos' petition

By Glenda M. Gloria

THE Sandiganbayan rejected former President Marcos' bid that he be allowed to return so he can personally argue his petition for the immediate issuance of his travel documents.

The anti-graft court's second division instead ordered Marcos to answer in 10 days the government's opposition to his return.

The deposed ruler's youngest sister, Fortuna Marcos-Barba, refused to receive the court order in her brother's behalf and the court decided that it will be sent to Marcos through the Philippine consulate in Honolulu.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel accused President Aquino, and members of the judiciary and Congress of conspiring to prevent Marcos' return.

Speaking in Baguio City, Laurel said the conspiracy was hatched during the President's recent Malacanang meeting with Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan, Senate President Jovito Salonga and Speaker Ramon V. Mitra, among others.

In another development, the President said he will "definitely abide" by the final decision of the courts on Marcos' case.

Marcos has thus far filed three motions for his early return — the first asking the Sandiganbayan to order the issuance of travel papers for him, the second, asking that he be allowed to come home to argue his first petition and the third, reiterating the second.



Marcos: determined to return home

Justice Romeo Escobar said during the 45-minute hearing that the court cannot act on Marcos' second and third motions since this would render "moot and academic" the final decision on whether or not he should be allowed to come home on Nov 7, to present during the perpetration proceedings on the testimony of former Public Works Secretary, Baltazar Aquino.

The former Marcos cabinet man claimed his erstwhile boss received \$5-million kickbacks from Japanese firms during his administration.

The hearing concentrated on Marcos' first petition. Escobar said Marcos' presence will not be necessary when the government decides this month whether or not to issue him travel orders.

Before the 8:30 am hearing, Marcos filed the third motion through Barba reiterating his second petition and saying his return "will signal genuine reconciliation and bring about stability" in the country.

During the hearing, the government — through Assistant Solicitor-general Romeo de la Cruz — said it was up to the United States to decide whether or not Marcos can leave Hawaii.

"If he cannot leave US territory it is not by an act of the Philippine government but by an act of the US government... so it will be presumptuous of this court to interfere with the affairs of a sovereign state."

De la Cruz added Marcos "should work on his own to resolve that predicament."

Solicitor-general Francisco Solis earlier asked the Sandiganbayan to reject the petitions because it has no jurisdiction over a "political matter."

Plans for civilian defence force

THE Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) plans to train an 80,000-man civilian defence force in 1989 at a cost of P585 million to maintain peace and order and preserve gains made by the government in the countryside said Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos, appearing before the Senate finance subcommittee chairmanship by Sen. Ernest M. Maceda.

He also reported that he had personally gone to Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus and asked the Department of Foreign Affairs to cancel the passport of Jose Maria Sison who, released by President Aquino in 1986 as a political prisoner, was reported to have reassumed the chairmanship of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

The CPP's Western European offices have reportedly been raising funds for the communist movement and funneling the money to its front organisations in the country.

Ramos said the civilian force, called Civilian Armed Force Geographical Units (CAFGUs), is the "holding phase" of the military's anti-insurgency programme.

The military "needs adequate resources if it is to continue to play the important role in the overall defence and public safety programme," Ramos said.

Ramos appeared before committee of Maceda, also chairman

of the Senate committee on national defence and security, to defend the proposed P21.4-billion budget for the military in 1989.

"The momentum and initiative gained by the government against the insurgency must be maintained," Ramos said.

Although the CPP-New People's Army (NPA) activities have levelled off and are now on the downturn, Ramos said that the CPP-NPA has been successful in its "united front building" programme during the past two years.

On a query of Enrile, Ramos said that one-third to two-thirds of the estimated 25,800 NPA regulars are fully armed.

Ramos submitted to the Maceda committee various reports or analysis, such as the military's national security situation, a three-tiered national defence security programme, internal security problems, analyses of a defence attaché (in Bonn, West Germany) on the impact of the CPP's European fund-raising efforts, and Sison's March 1987 fund-raising speech in Brussels, Belgium.

A video tape of Sison's Belgium appearance played before newsmen showed that the top CPP official identified seven communist front organisations in the Philippines.

Metro Manila 'stinking'

A GOVERNMENT official admitted last week that the Metro Manila Commission (MMC) could not solve the worsening garbage situation in Metro Manila.

Manila Governor Elfrim Cruz, head of the Presidential task force on waste disposal management, made the admission in a hearing conducted by the House committee on appropriations.

"Collection of garbage is not the problem. The question is where do we dump the waste," Cruz said.

Cruz said that if the government does not find alternative dumpsites, and if nothing is done about the garbage problem, in a few weeks' time, Metro Manila will be literally stinking.

Congressmen themselves had started complaining about the stench filling the air at the Batasan compound, about a kilometre away from the Payatas dumpsite, one of the five major dumpsites in Metro Manila.

Cruz said that the government intends to close Payatas this year and the four other dumpsites: the Smokey Mountain in Tondo, one in Valenzuela, one in Pasig and one in Malabon.

He said the MMC has asked the Japan International Cooperation Agency to fund the \$20 million waste disposal programme. The MMC is also negotiating with residents of towns in Rizal and Cavite which Cruz said the MMC hopes to develop as alternative dumpsites.

"But unlike before, we do not intend to have open dumping grounds anymore," Cruz said.

Cruz's predecessor at the MMC, Quezon City Congressman Ismael Mathay Jr. said the government, in the meantime, should do something about the 3,500 tons of uncollected garbage everyday.

List of richest Filipinos based on tax returns

MAHAL Kong Pilipinas Foundation, Inc., the country's largest leading publishers of annual business reference books, has listed the country's richest people based on the amount of their taxes paid to the government in its largest publication entitled VIP's of Philippine Business 1988 edition.

The book not only features the country's tycoons, industrialists, entrepreneurs and business executives but also government dignitaries and distinguished professionals.

Extensive profiles of men and women are presented in each classification under a special section on conglomerates focuses on the wealthiest family clans, their family tree, brief histories and family controlled companies.

Dawn Zulueta: graduating to the big screen

By Jackie Regala

DAWN Zulueta, the loveliest face to grace the movie screen these days takes a serious turn in her progressive career.

While singing and hosting chores still interest her, Dawn considers acting both in movies and on TV much more exciting.

Dawn is now in the last few days of shooting for Viva Films' Paano Tatakasan ang Bakas? in which she portrays the "other woman" in a love story affair between Dina Bonnevie and Gabby Concepcion.

In the story, Dawn actually plays Gabby's first girlfriend as both of them are medical students. Things take a passionate twist when Gabby starts falling for Dina who is an ago-dancer in the movie.

Borrow

"It's a bigger role than what I had in One Day, Issang Aray, although I will never regret being in this Regal movie, since, after all, it was a great honour to have been personally chosen by the King of Philippine Movies to be his leading lady," Dawn said.

Regal Films had to "borrow" Dawn from Viva when Fernando



Dawn: screen career progressing rapidly

Poe Jr. told Mother Lily Monteverde that he wanted Dawn to be his love interest in One Day. Dawn is actually an exclusive contract with Viva until the end of this year.

Although her role in Paano Tatakasan... is that of a woman who fights for her man, Dawn declined to have a lips-to-lips kissing scene with Gabby and she also refused to wear a one-piece swimsuit in one of her romantic scenes.

"I'm not psychologically prepared yet to do any kissing



Banned drugs identified

By Omar Acosta

THE Department of Health (DOH) has identified 243 brands of drugs still being sold in the Philippines although these are banned in the United States and other countries for either being ineffective or harmful.

Of this number, 68 had already been ordered withdrawn from the market last year by the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) upon the recommendation of the National Drug Committee, the body created by the DOH to update the country's drug list.

These banned drugs fall under two broad classifications: oral anti-inflammatory proteolytic enzymes, and dipyrrone and related compounds.

However, the BFAD's order banning the sale of the 68 drugs is being contested in court by Bocti-Takeda, a Japanese firm, and Hoechst, a German firm. Bocti-Takeda manufactures, among other products, Danzen, a medicine to control swelling and inflammation; while Hoechst produces Baralgin, a pain reliever and a drug for fever.

Bocti-Takeda was able to get an injunction from the Court of Appeals which temporarily stopped the implementation of the BFAD order.

Hoechst, on the other hand,

was able to get a court order restraining the BFAD from implementing the order while a new study is made on the drug.

The NDC has determined that oral proteolytic enzyme or OPE preparations are "not effective" in controlling swelling or inflammations.

The NDC report noted that since OPEs are protein preparations these "would only be digested in the stomach and therefore be inactivated."

The use of this type of drug has been discouraged internationally. In the United States, particularly, OPEs were pulled out of the market in 1986 when the US Food and Drug Administration won a 15-year legal battle to ban their sale.

In the case of dipyrrone, chemical compound which was first synthesized in 1911 and is currently used as antipyretic (fever-lowering) and analgesic (pain-killing), the NDC report cited a study made in the late 50s showing that use of this drug was closely linked to incidence of agranulocytosis — a condition where the production of white blood cells which defend the body against body infections is reduced.

Use of this drug has either been banned or severely restricted in many countries, including the US.

Exports to the US rise

THE trade deficit of the United States with the Philippines is expected to reach over \$1 billion this year following the huge surge of US imports from the Philippines.

In the first five months this year, the US trade deficit with the Philippines has been estimated to be 55 per cent greater than last year's.

Among the US imports that have increased dramatically are garments, coconut oil and sugar. US imports of Philippine garments increased at an annual rate of 31 per cent in the first four months of this year while imports of coconut oil rose by 14 per cent in terms of volume and 86.7 per cent in terms of value during the first five months.

In 1987, US imports of garments under quota from the Philippines increased by 38 per

cent to P620 million. Philippine coconut oil exports to the US reached \$158.4 million during the period while Philippine sugar exports amounted to \$54.1 million.

The upsurge in US imports from the Philippines and the large increase in the US trade deficit with the Philippines were the concrete results of President Aquino's US state visit in September 1986.

Following the visit, the US took a number of unilateral measures to open further its market to Philippine products in a bid to assist the recovery of the Philippine economy.

In 1987, the trade deficit of the US with the Philippines stood at \$882 million, representing a 12 per cent increase over the 1986 level. This is considered by far the largest trade surplus of the Philippines with any country.

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IMF criticises W. Germany's economic policy

Poehl sees no new initiatives at G-7 meeting

CELLE, West Germany, Sept 10. Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl said he expects no new initiatives in co-ordinating monetary goals at the next meeting of the Group of Seven leading industrialised democracies, later this month in Berlin, reports the Wall Street Journal.

The Bundesbank chief also said he saw no cause to consider realigning the European Monetary System, saying there isn't any inclination "either in Germany or in France" to change the trading ranges for the system's seven currencies. Poehl was speaking at a news conference on Thursday after an out-of-town meeting of the Central Bank Council.

The policy-setting panel made no changes in West German interest rates.

Imbalances
Trade imbalances within Europe and the Deutsche mark's recovery against the US dollar and other leading currencies since Aug. 25, the date of the Bundesbank's second discount rate increase this summer have fuelled speculation that tensions

could develop within the EMS. Despite signs of weakening by the French franc and the lira, Poehl said the Bundesbank has detected "no signs of strain worth mentioning."

Moreover, Poehl said West Germany's recent rate increases have helped stabilise exchange rates in world currency markets. In West Germany, the Bundesbank's tighter credit policies have slowed monetary expansion and helped bring down long-term market interest rates by easing inflation fears.

"The situation of currency markets today is more relaxed, and we are satisfied, although this can always change," Poehl said.

He said the next G-7 meeting, coming before the annual conference of the International Monetary Fund on Sept. 27, will involve a routine review of efforts to restore world trade balances. Callign it "business as usual," he added that no policy changes are expected, an indication that big central banks are likely to retain current target ranges for leading currencies.

He also expects no new initiatives from the US, remarking that Washington is "in a transition phase" during the run-up to the presidential election in November. He said it would be premature to interpret recent indicators as a sign that the US economy is cooling.

"Nothing has really changed in the fundamental problems. We have made some advances in the adjustment process — the deficits in the US have improved — but there is still much to be done," he said.

Announcement
The West German central bank chief sought to disarm potential criticism of restrictive West German fiscal and monetary policies. The Bundesbank's recent interest-rate increases to curb inflation and support a weakening Deutsche mark have drawn repeated broadsides from French Finance Minister Pierre Bérégovoy, who says West Germany isn't doing enough to stimulate its economy.

In response, Poehl highlighted Bonn's announcement this week of a 3.9 per cent inflation-adjust-

ed rise in West Germany's gross national product in the first half of 1988.

"It was much better than anybody expected, including myself," Poehl said. Recent German policies are aimed at countering expectations that West Germany's annual inflation rate — at just over 1 per cent currently — would expand to between 2 per cent and 3 per cent next year, he said.

West Germany's leading indicators "clearly contradict" complaints that West Germany is being too restrictive, Poehl said. "And I believe that in Berlin and other meetings that we're having, including the meeting of Franco-German Economic Council next week, that we can counter these arguments with facts."

He said, "The question, of course, is what's going to happen next year." He was referring to broad expectations by economists that plans by the Bonn government to raise an array of consumer taxes next year jeopardise growth and should contribute to slowing the economy

to less than a 2 per cent rate of expansion in 1989. But he estimated that any resultant decline in consumer spending could be offset by growth in industrial investments.

Meanwhile, The International Monetary Fund's managing director criticised West Germany's economic policy as the country prepares to host the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank later this month in Berlin.

In an interview with the German weekly business magazine Wirtschaftswoche, Michel Camdessus said the country's economic growth could be substantially higher if Bonn would make greater efforts to stimulate domestic demand and refrain from granting subsidies.

Impediments
"Like many other countries, Germany has a range of impediments to growth: Sickly industries are subsidised, the agriculture sector is protected, and so on," Camdessus was quoted as saying.

"Our scenarios show clearly that growth rates could turn out

quite a bit higher if controlled measures are taken against such phenomena," he added.

Excerpts of the interview were made available before the public on date.

Camdessus's words echo the language of the IMF's World Economic Outlook report, which suggests Germany should act vigorously to eliminate structural obstacles to growth. In the report, the IMF targets rigidities in the labour market, capital-market restrictions, subsidies and the tax system.

The IMF expects the German economy to grow 2.2 per cent in 1988 and 1.8 per cent next year. But Bonn officials as well as private-sector economists have in recent months said that a 1988 growth estimate of about 3 per cent is more realistic. They agree, however, that the economic expansion is likely to slow down markedly next year.

In the first half of 1988, West Germany's gross national product, the total output of nation's goods and services, grew a price-adjusted 3.9 per cent from a year earlier.

UK trade envoy for Tehran to help UK firms at exhibition

LONDON, Sept 10, (KUNA): A UK trade envoy will leave London tomorrow for Tehran to help British companies at an international trade fair there, the Foreign Office said today.

Gordon Pirie, who served in Iran between 1964 and 1968, will stay in the Iranian capital for at least three weeks and "if all goes well" he might go back on a permanent basis, a Foreign Office spokesman said.

About 50 British companies are participating in the fair, scheduled for Sept. 13-23. About 20 UK firms originally decided to exhibit, but since the announcement of the Gulf war ceasefire many others decided to take part.

Relations
Pirie is the second British envoy to visit Iran recently. Another senior British diplomat, David Reddaway, went there to "test the waters" for resuming full diplomatic relations between the two countries.

British sources here noted that both Britain and Iran want to resume these links, but London is still insisting on guarantees about the safety of its diplomats in Tehran.

In June last year a senior British diplomat, Edward Chaplin, was beaten up and briefly abducted by Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Tehran. Since then Britain has not had a resident diplomat in Iran.

Call to avoid high cost projects

THE Gulf Investment Corp. (GIC) is considering 30 to 40 projects in a variety of fields, but will only approve profitable ones, according to GIC Executive President Dr. Khaled Al Fayez.

"We should not waste our resources in the name of Arab food security. Our investment policy is based on avoiding risks," Dr. Al Fayez told a local daily in an interview published yesterday.

"We in the Arabian Gulf welcome any foodstuff that can be produced at reasonable cost. But we should not enter high cost projects that would waste our money in the name of Arab food security," the GIC executive went on.

Capital
Dr. Al Fayez said GIC and some Arab Gulf companies have increased the paid-up capital of an aluminium sheeting factory in Bahrain that has made inroads in the local and Gulf markets.

He indicated the corporation is considering a project for civilian and military aircraft maintenance.

"We do not join a project just because it is strategically important. Profitability is a major factor," the executive president said.

Exports exempted from tax

RIVADH, Sept 10, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabia has exempted UAE exports to the kingdom from taxes, a press release by the secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council said here.

The decision was made in conformity with the unified economic agreement of the Gulf Co-operation Council states, the statement said.

Iraq and Iran could increase oil production

Iraqis will be able to maintain their lead

GENEVA, Sept 10, (KUNA): Iraq and Iran have the capacity to rapidly increase oil production, assuming the war has ended, and will each be able to increase their output by one million barrels a day within a year, according to specialist publication, "Gulf and Near East Trends."

The Geneva-based newsletter said that without external constraints, and assuming an all-out effort to raise output, Iran's present maximum sustainable production is 2.8 million BPD and Iraq's is 3.0 million.

The opening of Iraq's Gulf ports will enable it to increase exports by 40 per cent in a very short period, it suggested.

By mid-1989 Iran's production could reach 3.2 million BPD, but expansion to Iraq will be quicker, with a possible output of 3.7 million barrels a day within nine months, the report said.

The Iraqis will be able to maintain their lead in the years ahead. By mid-1990 they could be producing 4.2 million BPD, and by 1993 have a production of 5.0 million BPD, compared with 3.7 million BPD respectively by Iran, the newsletter estimated.

The publication recalled that Iran's peak historical production was in 1974, with 6.02 million BPD.

Damage
Iraq's maximum production year was 1979, when it reached 3.48 million BPD.

Iran has a much tougher task than Iraq in boosting post-war output and production capacity, the newsletter argued.

Some major on-shore Iranian fields were irreparably damaged over the past decade due to age, neglect and war damage.

There are a number of factors preventing a rapid recovery to the pre-revolution 1978 level of 5.0 million BPD, it went on.

Drilling activity has been far too low to support such an output level and a crucial gas-injection project needed to maintain pressure at major on-shore fields was postponed, causing severe damage.

Finally war damage and minimal maintenance has forced the national oil company to operate with old equipment and improvised methods, which will take time to set right.

However, with practically no international debt, Iran is likely to spend more freely than Iraq in the early stages of reconstruction.

Some shut-in wells could resume production and offshore fields could add 250,000 to 300,000 BPD within a few months of a ceasefire, it said.

Iraq's problem is one of export capacity rather than that of production potential, the newsletter observed.

At the start of the war Iraq was

producing 3.4 million BPD, but the closure of its terminals and the lines through Syria meant it was obliged to rapidly expand alternative pipeline capacity to 2.5 million BPD.

An additional 200,000 BPD is currently being transported by road through Turkey and Jordan.

Facilities

The reopening of its Gulf export facilities could boost export capacity by 40 per cent within a year.

The expansion of its "IPSA-2" Saudi outlet will add another 1.0 million BPD to its export potential by 1990, thus giving it the possibility of transporting as much as 4.7 million BPD within 18 months.

Although damage to Iraqi fields has been severe in Iran, it is unlikely that production will be able to keep pace with improved export capacity.

Turkish minister in Tehran for economic talks

NICOSIA, Sept 10, (Reuters): Turkish Minister of State Yusuf Ozal arrived in Tehran yesterday to boost economic co-operation following last month's ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Tehran Radio reported.

"In view of the favourable situation and the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, Iran and Turkey can invest in many agricultural, industrial, trade and oil areas and increase the volume of exchanges," the radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Ozal as telling reporters on arrival.

Pipeline

Turkey, which has good relations with both Tehran and Baghdad, hopes to win a large share of Iran's reconstruction, business. The Iranian news agency IRNA said a 137-man delegation accompanied Ozal.

Turkey and Iran have plans to build a pipeline to take crude oil from southwest Iran to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

Senate votes textile import limits but bill's fate uncertain

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (Reuters): The Senate yesterday approved a bill limiting the growth of textile imports, but the legislation's ultimate fate remained uncertain after opponents delayed its further progress on a procedural issue.

The Reagan administration opposes the bill, which could face a veto if it reaches President Reagan's desk.

After the Senate voted 57-32 for the bill, opponents led by Republican Robert Packwood refused to allow it to be combined with a similar measure passed by the House of Representatives last year — a usually non-controversial procedural action.

Imports

The issue may be resolved next week, but meanwhile, Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd, preparing for possible extended debate, said he was filing a motion to cut off debate.

The measure would limit future imports of about 185 categories of textiles and apparel

to an increase of one per cent a year above the 1986 import level of 12.7 billion square yards (metres).

It would also limit non-rubber footwear — mostly boots, shoes and leather sandals — to 1986 levels.

The proposed quotas would affect a range of consumer products including items made from cotton, wool and blends as well as affect prices for clothing, sheets, towels, handbags, luggage and leather shoes.

The restrictions are designed to set global limits and give the President flexibility in their imposition, a US textile industry spokesman said. He said textile imports, especially from Asia, notably China, have soared in recent years.

The Senate vote, like the earlier House vote on the measure, fell short of the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override a presidential veto.

However, 11 senators were

absent yesterday.

Democratic Senator Ernest Hollings, sponsor of the bill, said import limits were necessary to protect American jobs and give the US textile industry incentive to invest.

But Packwood argued it would invite foreign retaliation and would only "guarantee profits regardless of ability," for US textile producers.

Restrictions
US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter, who has led the White House campaign against restrictions on textile imports, said after the House passed its version of the bill last year that it was "public policy-making at its worst."

Daniel Frierson, chairman of the fibre, fabric and apparel coalition for trade and a leading lobbyist for the bill, said he was encouraged by the strong bipartisan support for the legislation but disappointed that its opponents were now resorting to procedural delaying tactics.

New loans won't solve Third World debt problem

NEW YORK, Sept 10, (AP): Banks and debtors nations should re-negotiate existing loans rather than seek new ones to help ease the \$1 trillion Third World debt problem, a panel of top bankers, economists and labour leaders urged in a report released on Wednesday.

The 39-page report by the Economic Policy Council of the United Nations Association departs from the plan of former US Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III, which suggested pumping more money into struggling nations to get them back on their feet and attract foreign investments.

The Baker plan had helped bring more money into a number of less developed countries over the past two years, but UNA panel said that was mainly because interest rates were lower, making debt-servicing costs more manageable.

"Large new lending programmes may be difficult to secure under current market conditions," the report said.

Many commercial banks have

become reluctant to issue more loans after some debtor countries, such as Brazil, stopped making loan payments. Banks suffered huge losses last year after adding to their loan-loss reserves to cover the shaky Third World debt.

In addition, many banks are now faced with new capital adequacy requirements, and "a large block of problem loans to debtor countries makes raising capital difficult and expensive," the report noted.

Success
The report said restructuring loans so payments are reduced will not only reduce outstanding claims against a country but aid in its economic recovery.

The report also urges debtor countries to undertake domestic reforms to sustain economic growth.

"Economic success over a period of time also requires a level of public confidence that grows out of efficient, uncorrupt leadership and a political system that is responsive to the popular will," it said.

Change in procedure may introduce new element of uncertainty to markets

Trade report will have Wall Street seeing double

NEW YORK, Sept 10, (AP): When Wall Street has its monthly confrontation with the government's trade statistics next Wednesday, a new wild card will be added to the game.

The Commerce Department is adopting a new format for reporting the figures, and analysts say it may create more than the usual confusion in the financial markets.

Along with a number comparable to those of past months, the department will calculate the nation's trade deficit excluding the cost of freight and insurance for imports.

This so-called customs value method of figuring the balance between imports and exports typically produces a deficit total about \$1.5 billion lower than otherwise, analysts note.

Previously, the customs value trade balance had been reported at least two days later than the original, unadjusted figure, and commanded almost no attention from stock and bond investors.

Now, says Maury Harris, economist at PaineWebber brok-

erage firm, "it is likely that administration spokespersons will be emphasising the lower customs value deficit."

As Charles Taylor at Prudential-Bache Securities asserted, "the July merchandise trade deficit will be about \$1.5 billion lower than it otherwise would be."

"But this is a cosmetic improvement only. The current-account deficit, and therefore the dollar-financing requirement of the United States, will not be affected one iota."

Uncertainty

Some say that kind of assessment is too harsh. After all, they say, the subject of the data is the "merchandise" trade deficit, and insurance and freight are not merchandise, but services instead.

Commerce Department officials have said that the change in procedure, which was mandated by the trade bill enacted in August, is intended to put proper emphasis on those numbers that most accurately depict the situation.

Sull, Wall Street analysts say,

it may well introduce a new element of uncertainty to markets that are highly sensitive to economic statistics like the trade data.

"Two different numbers on the same day will initially generate some temporary confusion and possible cynicism about government tampering with statistics before elections," said Harris.

Amid the uncertainty pervading Wall Street, the stock market was able to scratch out some modest gains in the past week, though they did not live up to hopes built up in a rally begun just before the Labour Day weekend.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 14.22 points to 2,068.81.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index climbed in with a 1.18 advance to 150.84, the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index rose 1.83 to 297.45, and the NASDAQ Composite Index for July will probably come in around \$10.5 billion, Merrill Lynch analysts say.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 135.17 million shares a day, against 128.48 million the week before.

When the trade figures are sorted out, what are they likely to show? Nothing worthy of any big fuss, a cynical observer might say, since like most monthly data they provide no reliable evidence of the kind of trend that would concern any savvy, long-term investor.

Spirits
That complaint aside, the data are not expected to provide much news to revive traders' flagging spirits.

Says the Merrill Lynch market letter in its preview of the report, "after improving on a fairly steady basis earlier in the year, the foreign trade deficit had a relapse in June, climbing to \$12.5 billion from 9.8 billion in May. The deficit probably won't improve much in coming months."

The comparable figure for July will probably come in around \$10.5 billion, Merrill Lynch analysts say.

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SEC chairman defends security industry's integrity

WASHINGTON, Sept 10, (Reuters): Securities and Exchange Commission chairman David Ruder defended the integrity of the US securities industry yesterday, saying it was honest despite a new legal case against a major brokerage house. "My opinion is that the securities industry in the United States is an honest and well-run industry," Ruder told the House Telecommunications Sub-committee. He said the insider-trading allegations against Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. and Junk Bond King Michael Milken do not mean the entire industry is representative of the whole. "I don't assume this reprehensible conduct is representative of the whole industry," he said. Ruder, head of the SEC's enforcement division, who added he had been asked to learn of the scope of the allegations against Drexel. The SEC, capping its largest probe since the passage of US securities laws more than 50 years ago, charged Drexel and six individuals on Wednesday with illegal insider stock trading, manipulating stock prices, rigging corporate takeovers and other securities law breaches. Ruder told the House Sub-committee that the SEC's complaint against Drexel does not directly involve Junk bonds — high-yield securities whose widespread use was pioneered by New York-based investment firm. "There's nothing inherent in Junk bonds which requires fraud and manipulation," Lynch said. Ruder told the panel the SEC "now needs substantial increases" in its budget. He said the SEC's ability to proceed with its case against Drexel will not be affected by budget constraints, but said the agency needed funds to pursue other cases in the future.

Cheysson rules out Turkey's inclusion in EEC before 1993

ANKARA, Sept 10, (Reuters): Turkey has no chance of joining the European Economic Community (EEC) before 1993, EEC Commissioner Claude Cheysson said yesterday. "The Community cannot include even the smallest country before 1993," he told a news conference after meeting Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and other officials. Turkey, an associate member since 1963, applied for full membership in April, 1987. Cheysson said Turkey would have 70 million people by 1993, the largest single population in Europe. "It is not easy for Turkey to enter the Community, it will take time," he said. "Let us face facts, a partner of this size cannot be taken into the Community easily." Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz said in August that Ankara would regard over-long delays in starting membership talks as a sign of rejection. Cheysson, the commissioner in charge of North-South affairs, said the EEC was giving full priority to establishing a single market by 1992. "This takes up all the time and energy of the EEC and thinking of a new member before 1993 is unrealistic," he said. Cheysson said 500 possible joint ventures between Turkish and EEC investors would be discussed at a meeting in Istanbul from September 12-14. The EEC was also proposing major projects for co-operation in higher education, job training and technology and science, he said. "Turkey should seriously consider being associated with these programmes," he said. "There is much that can be done immediately — to make Turkish structures better adapted to enter into the large European market." Cheysson will go to southeastern Turkey today to tour its major irrigation and dam project. He will also meet President Kenan Evren and Yilmaz before going to Istanbul to inaugurate the businessmen's meetings.

Nigeria may alter budget if oil prices continue to fall

LAGOS, Sept 10, (Reuters): Nigeria's number two Vice Admiral Augustus Aikhomou said yesterday the country had an alternative budget for 1988 if prices of its main export commodity crude oil continued to fall. When we made the 1988 budget we used three oil price scenarios — \$16, \$15 and then \$13," Aikhomou told reporters. So far the government has worked on the basis of prices staying at \$16 a barrel but this could be altered, he added. "We may be forced to use the scenario of \$15 or \$13 if the oil market continues the way it is now," said Aikhomou, who is chief of general staff and President Ibrahim Babangida's deputy. Nigeria, which relies almost solely on crude oil sales for its foreign exchange income, has watched helplessly as prices have continued to fall because of excess supplies. Bonny Light, its main crude, was quoted in the US yesterday at \$13.75, compared with the \$18 per barrel target price of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Aikhomou said the oil price situation was responsible for the underfunding of Nigeria's forthcoming foreign exchange auction, the central plank of a tough economic adjustment programme introduced in 1986. The revenue we expected is nowhere near what we have got so far, he said. He did not say how much had been earned so far. Bankers said underfunding of the auction where \$120 million are sold fortnightly was responsible for a wide gap between the rates set there and those at interbank trading.

The latest rate from the auction is 4.57 naira to the dollar. The dollar fetches nearly seven naira at the interbank or autonomous market where non-official funds are traded.

Economists surprised at further fall in South African reserves

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 10, (Reuters): Economists expressed surprise yesterday at the further fall in South Africa's gold and foreign exchange reserves. "It is significant only in the sense that it is a surprise," said Standard Bank chief economist Nico Cypionka. He said recent trade figures had indicated that reserves should soon begin to recover slightly. "It appears to be the result of a number of essentially technical factors and there is no visible trend at this stage," he said in an analysis echoed by other bankers. The Reserve Bank said in its monthly report released on Wednesday that gold and foreign exchange reserves fell by 256 million rand (\$104 million), or 4.8 per cent, in August to 5.31 billion rand (\$2.17 billion). The total for the month was 35 per cent down on the figure for August last year when reserves peaked at \$3.6 billion, and was the lowest reported in two years. Gold reserves were down by 98,000 ounces on the July total to 4.28 million ounces, currently valued at 4.06 billion rand (\$1.65 billion). Jan Lombard, senior deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank, said in a commentary on the figures that the fall was a result, among many factors, of repayments on private sector foreign debts, unexpected capital exports, the high rate of import and changes in the foreign exchange rate of the South African rand. Last week, economists told Reuters that South Africa's reserves were lower than those of its black-ruled neighbours in relation to imports.

UK firm wins Iraqi contract

LONDON, Sept 10, (OPECNA): A British engineering company has won the first major order from Iraq since the ceasefire in the Gulf went into effect on August 20, it was reported here yesterday. The Northern Engineering Industries (NEI) signed a \$127.50 million deal for four 350-MW turbine generators which would be installed at a new power station at Al Shanaal, 400 km north of Baghdad. The contract has given a boost to about 50 UK firms due to attend the Baghdad trade fair in November this year, analysts noted. Dennis Cummings of the committee of Middle East Trade (COMET) said "It is clearly the first major power station order since the end of the war." "It must have implications for improved trade," he added. NEI won a similar contract from Iraq four years ago for another power station at Musammat, which has just been commissioned, reports here noted. The company beat off competing tenders for the new station from the US and Japanese engineering firms, said the Financial Times newspaper.

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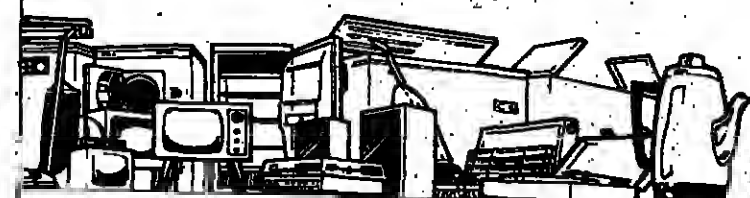
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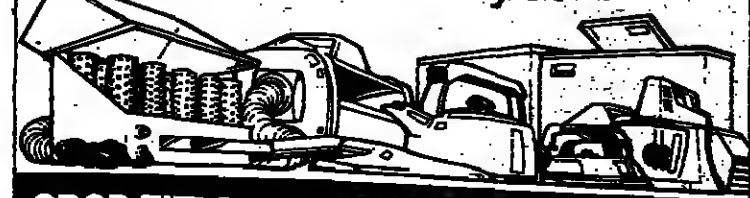
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STARS AND STRIPES BEATS NEW ZEALAND AGAIN

Conner retains America's Cup



The Stars and Stripes and the New Zealand (big boat) square off at the starting point. (Reuter wirephoto)

SAN DIEGO, Sept 10, (Reuter): Dennis Conner celebrated a bitter-sweet victory over New Zealand in the America's Cup race, saying he was glad the experience was behind him.

"It would be hard to say this was one of the more pleasant or exciting events," he said. "We had a job to do, and we did it."

Stars and Stripes raced home to beat New Zealand by a dominating 21 minutes and 10 seconds, three minutes more than the victory margin in the first of the best-of-three series on Wednesday.

Amid the popping of champagne corks — convinced of victory, Conner had stored bottles in his boat — bitterness persisted between the two crews over a battle destined to end in the courts.

Promised

Multi-millionaire banker Michael Fay, head of the New Zealand syndicate, has promised to take to the New York Supreme Court his claim it was unfair to race the catamaran, with its rigid aircraft wing sail, against the elegant New Zealand, carrying 25 tonnes of lead in its keel.

San Diego celebrated keeping the Cup with a fireworks display over the harbour, but the acrimony between members of the two camps still simmered.

In light winds at the start of the race, New Zealand engaged Stars and Stripes in a tacking duel, pretending to tack and then stop, to slow down the nippy catamaran.

But, as the winds grew, Conner

zipped ahead on the triangular course of 39 nautical miles off San Diego harbour.

Stars and Stripes raced round the windward mark and sailed down the second leg of the course at 14 knots in strong winds without putting up a head sail so as not to put undue stress on the boat.

While New Zealand heeled over, Stars and Stripes lifted her windward hull out of the water and left New Zealand behind.

At the finish the wind had dropped to 10 knots and the US crew casually took turns in the final stage photographing each other at the helm.

Asked when he expects the lop-sided contest to be resolved in court, Fay promised quick action.

He asked the New York State Supreme Court, which rules on any America's Cup disputes, to declare the San Diego Yacht Club, the Cup holders, unfair in racing a catamaran against his mono-hulled boat.

San Diego had not intended to defend the Cup before 1991 before being presented with Fay's unexpected challenge.

Justice Carmen Ciparick, a non-sailor, told him to race first and protest later.

"I won't go home until we have been back in the New York court," Fay said. "And I hope to be home for Christmas."

Malin Burnham, the head of Sail America, organisers of the race, had accused Fay of holding the tall, bottomless silver cup hostage. He had said a court battle could hold up preparations

for the next Cup by two or three years.

Conner tried to liven up the proceedings by making friendly comments at times on the New Zealanders. "New Zealanders are the best sailors in the world," he said. "We had the better boat this time. Hopefully, we will see them again in more pleasant circumstances."

The New Zealand crew had accused the Americans after the first race of making a mockery of the Cup by deliberately going slow. Conner replied he went as fast as he needed to.

New Zealand skipper David Barnes, who was one of Conner's strongest critics, said he would not retract anything he had said. "But I congratulate Dennis and his crew for beating us in the two races," he said.

Ludicrous

"To have to go and have a match in such totally different boats is ludicrous," he added.

Conner had the last word — to Fay. "It's hard to believe but, Michael, I really like you," he said.

"What do you do to the people you don't like?" Fay replied.

The victory was Conner's fourth aboard an America's Cup contestant — three of those as skipper.

Conner was the first American skipper to lose the Cup when Australia 11 beat Liberty in 1983.

Conner regained the trophy in February 1987 when his 12 metre class yacht Stars and Stripes '87 crushed Australia's defender Kookaburra III three-nil off Fremantle.



Felke raises her arms in jubilation after setting the world record. (Reuter wirephoto)

Felke will not improve world record at Games, says athletics official

SEOUL, Sept 10, (Reuter): East German javelin star Petra Felke, who smashed her own world record with a throw of 80.00 metres in Potsdam yesterday, will not improve that mark at the Olympics, a leading athletics official predicted today.

"That is her best. She will not be able to go beyond that in the Olympics," Arthur Takac, a member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) council, told Reuters.

Takac said Seoul's heavy atmosphere was expected to reduce the potential for athletics world records, particularly in the throwing events.

Anticipated

Takac said that although technical conditions in Seoul's 70,000-seat Olympic stadium were very good, he anticipated no more than three or four world records.

He cited the men's or women's 100 metres, the men's 1,500 metres, the 3,000 metres steeplechase and the pole vault as the events with the greatest world record potential.

The 100 metres finals were always likely to be among the

high spots of the Games, with American Carl Lewis and his Canadian arch rival Ben Johnson the outstanding sprinters of their generation, and women's favourite Florence Griffith-Joyner of the US in world record form this season.

Takac believed the phenomenal talent of Said Aouita could see the Moroccan lower his 1,500 metres world record, while a trio of Kenyans are lined up to obliterate the 10-year-old steeplechase record of their compatriot Henry Rono.

Soviet pole vaulter Sergei Buhka, the only man ever to vault over six metres in competition, has already broken his world mark twice this year and could complete a treble in Seoul.

Buhka will be seeking to make up for his disappointment at missing the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics because of the Soviet-led communist boycott.

With the overall standard lowered in the absence of the powerful East European countries, only two athletics world marks were set in Los Angeles — by Britain's Daley Thompson in the decathlon and the US men's 4x100 metres relay squad.

Uncertainty still surrounds Lewis' 4x100 relay place

NAGARA, Japan, Sept 10, (Reuter): Uncertainty and confusion continued to surround Carl Lewis' bid for four Olympic titles yesterday — with the start of the Seoul Games just seven days away.

The brilliant American said he had still not been told whether he would run in the US four x 100 metres relay team in Seoul, the event which could provide him with his fourth athletics gold for an unprecedented second successive Games.

Lewis said he expected to run in the sprint relay as well as the 100 and 200 metres and long jump.

But he said US team officials "had not come to a decision on the relay yet."

"It hasn't not been finalised," he said.

Lewis played down talk over

the rift between himself and relay coach Russ Rogers which flared at the Brussels Grand Prix meeting in August.

"That situation is over with," Lewis said.

"It is not a dispute," he added. "It is a decision to be made about the entire team which will be completed very soon. But I can't say when."

"I expect to run but it has not been finalised."

Lewis' two closest aides, his manager Joe Douglas and coach Mike Takahashi, criticised the delay in naming the world's greatest sprinter on the team.

Douglas accused Rogers of trying to get his own athletes on the relay team instead of the nation's best and criticised him for having "a conflict of interest."

Takahashi said Rogers and Lewis had been feuding for years.

Security operation moves into top gear

SEOUL, Sept 10, (Reuter): The largest peacetime security operation ever mounted, aimed at protecting the summer Olympics from the threat of violence and terrorism, has moved into top gear one week before the Games open.

Some 60,000 South Korean police commands and security officers are on full time duty at the Games, the International Olympic Committee's (IOC's) security delegate Ashwini Kumar told Reuters today.

"This does not include soldiers and civilian volunteers," he said. "A security operation on this scale is quite unprecedented."

The country's 700,000 troops and police have been on full alert since last month with aircraft and warships on regular patrol to discourage any threat from hostile neighbour North Korea which is boycotting the Olympics.

Kumar, a retired Indian police chief who has headed the IOC's seven-year security planning operation, said it was impossible to ignore the threat of terrorist attack or disruption from student demonstrators, who are protesting that the Games are not being shared with North Korea.

Students and police clashed again today at Yonsei University in Western Seoul but Kumar said demonstrators would not be allowed anywhere near Olympic venues during the Games.

Machine

"As an old retired police officer, I would say anything is possible," he said. "But we are geared for every eventuality. The organisers have welded security machine which couldn't be bettered by any other country."

"I don't think that providing a peaceful atmosphere in a polite, unobtrusive manner could have been done better. It's almost a miracle," he added.

Security of such Olympian dimensions, however, demands a number of inconveniences and regular body searches have already become a way of life for those who have arrived for the Games.

Competitors have to go through no less than three security checks, involving metal detectors and X-ray equipment, to enter the athletes' village, itself protected by three-layer steel-net fences and other barriers.

But Korean staff manning the checks mollify any irritation by howling gently and wishing residents a nice day.

Sniffer dogs patrol all Olympic venues several times daily and the luxury Shilla Hotel, headquarters of the IOC, has taken on some of the aspects of a besieged fortress.

"Everyone hopes the Games will be peaceful," Kumar said. "The Olympics should be a matter of joy and pleasure. People don't want to associate violence with these things."

South Korea aims for Games' first gold

SEOUL, Sept 10, (Reuter): When Kang Hy-Jae stares down the sights of her air rifle aiming for the first gold medal of the Olympics, 40 million South Koreans will be looking over her shoulder.

"I do feel just a bit nervous," said the 22-year-old bank clerk, who has emerged as a major challenger to Bulgarian world champion Vessela Letcheva for the first medal to be decided mid-morning of September 18.

Competition

"I have told my family not to come and watch," she said, but the 90-minute competition will be a magnet for her countrymen hungry for a national triumph to start the Games.

Scheduling the unglamorous women's air rifle shooting, included for the first time in the 1984 Los Angeles Games, as the first event has given it special status.

The women have 90 minutes to fire off 40 shots at a target 10 metres away, with the bull just one millimetre across.

Krishnan out of Olympics

NEW DELHI, Sept 10, (Reuter): Indian tennis hope Ramesh Krishnan has pulled out of the Seoul Olympics with a shoulder injury, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today.

It quoted All-India Lawn Tennis Association president R.K. Khanna as saying Krishnan had ruptured a shoulder muscle.

"It's a sad blow to the Indian hopes for a tennis medal," PTI quoted Khanna as telling reporters at the Indian team set for Seoul last night.

Krishnan was to carry the Indian flag at the opening ceremony of the Summer Games on September 17.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Jefferies takes Mets past Expos

NEW YORK, Sept 10, (AP): When he was called up from the Minors recently, Gregg Jefferies thought he would be only used as a pinch-hitter for the New York Mets. As it turned out, he's truly hitting in the pinch.

Jefferies hit three home runs in the Mets' 7-3 victory over the Montreal Expos last night.

Along with his homer, Jefferies had a double and triple, pacing a 14-hit attack, as he raised his batting average to .422 since being called up from Triple-A Tidewater on Aug 25. It was the second game in which Jefferies collected a homer, a double and triple.

With the victory the Mets maintained a nine-game lead over the Pittsburgh Pirates, who beat Philadelphia 5-2 and reduced their "magic number" for clinching the National League-East to 15.

Meanwhile, the pace tightened up in the National League-West with the division-leading Los Angeles Dodgers losing 5-2 to the Cincinnati Reds. Coupled with Houston's 4-3, 12-inning decision over San Francisco, the Dodgers' lead dropped to four games over the Astros. The third-place Reds, meanwhile, moved within five games of the Dodgers.

Pirates 5, Phillies 2

Pittsburgh tied a National League record with four sacrifice flies to help Mike Dunne win for the first time in two months.

Dunne, 7-11, ended a four-game losing streak that covered eight starts since the All-Star break. His last win was over Los Angeles on July 9.

Reds 5, Dodgers 2

Danny Jackson scattered nine hits for his 11th victory in his last 12 decisions and Eric Davis and Paul O'Neill hit consecutive two-run doubles in the fourth inning as Cincinnati beat Los Angeles.

Astros 4, Giants 3

Alan Ashby's two-out single in the 12th inning broke a tie and lifted Houston over San Francisco.

Right-hander Scott Garretts, 5-9, got two outs in the 12th before Buddy Bell started the winning rally with a single. After Craig Smajetia ran for bell, Terry Puhl doubled and Ashby followed with his game-winning hit.

Cardinals 6, Cubs 2

St Louis won for the fifth straight time, scoring five runs in the sixth inning as Ozzie Smith and Pedro Guerrero hit two-run doubles.

Senna sets record with 10th pole

MONZA, Italy, Sept 10, (Reuter): World championship leader Ayrton Senna of Brazil set his first major Formula One record today when he secured pole position for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, driving with his customary dedication despite the heat, clocked a marginally improved time of one minute 25.974 seconds to become the first driver to win 10 poles in one season.

He had previously shared the record of nine poles in a year with Australian Niki Lauda (1974 and 1975), Sweden's Ronnie Peterson (1973) and current world champion and fellow-Brazilian Nelson Piquet (1984).

Extraordinary

Senna's McLaren team-mate Alain Prost of France failed in his attempt to end Senna's extraordinary run of supremacy — it was Senna's fourth successive pole — when he lost control of his car at the chicane and spun to a halt in the sand trap.

Prost, who is second behind Senna by three points and three wins in the title race, had to be content with second place on the grid again.

His best time recorded yesterday kept him narrowly in front of the Ferraris of Austrian Gerhard Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto.

Berger and Alboreto will fill the second row of the grid tomorrow when Senna has an opportunity of setting another record with his eighth win of the season.

This would lift him clear of Briton Jim Clark (1963) and Prost (1984) who currently share the record of seven victories in a year with the Brazilian.

Maintained

The Arrows team of American Eddie Cheever and Briton Derek Warwick maintained their much-improved showing today by securing fifth and sixth places on the grid with further improved times.

It was the 26th pole position of his career for Senna who has earned the prime place on the grid more often than any other current driver.

Nelson Piquet, who qualified seventh in his Lotus, has won 24 poles and Frenchman Rene Arnoux 18.

On an afternoon of blue skies and blistering heat, only eight drivers failed to improve their overnight times during an incident-filled session of the 5.8 km Monza circuit.

Prost was the most notable among them and also, unusually for him, one of several to lose control and spin off.



Senna after setting the fastest time. (Reuter wirephoto)

Jansher holds off Jahangir for title

SINGAPORE, Sept 10, (Reuter): Jansher Khan outlasted arch rival and world champion Jahangir Khan 15-8 15-11 9-15 10-15 15-9 in a grueling 135-minute match to retain his title in the Singapore Open Squash Championship today.

The first two games featured rallies of up to a 100 strokes as the two Pakistanis began cautiously. It seemed at first that Jansher, world champion in 1987, would win in straight games but then

Jahangir's better strokeplay turned the tide in the next two games.

However, Jansher's superior fitness decided the match in the final phase as tired Jahangir made errors going for winners.

Knew

"After the fourth game it was a touch-and-go affair," Jansher said. "But once I led 12-6 I knew I was going to win."

Earlier, top seed Lisa Opie of Britain took the women's title by

defeating compatriot and defending champion Martine Le Moignan 11-15 15-9 15-12 17-16.

Opie, ranked second in the world, started poorly but came back to take a 2-1 lead going into the final game where she trailed 14-13 before edging home.

"I was nervous at the start," Opie said. "Also I'm not used to the new scoring system which is good for the spectators but nerve-racking for the players. But I'm fitter than Le Moignan."

Tyson slips into Moscow while Pele arrives with fanfare

MOSCOW, Sept 10, (Reuter): World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson slipped into Moscow practically unnoticed, only a few hours before Pele, the Brazilian soccer legend, arrived today to official fanfare.

"Tyson and Pele both here at the same time — this is incredible," a Soviet sports fan exclaimed upon hearing the news. "I don't think we have ever had two superstars of that calibre in the Soviet Union at the same time."

Unaware

But Moscow — where the latest episodes of the Tyson drama have not made a ripple — seemed totally unaware that a king of the ring had descended on the Soviet capital to escape press scrutiny and rumours that he tried to kill himself.

This morning, nobody appeared to notice Tyson as he waited for a taxi outside his hotel off Red Square.

When he flew in from New York yesterday with his wife, actress Robin Givens, only a few Cubans and Africans recognised him at the airport. An hour before his plane landed, the Soviet sports committee denied any knowledge of his impending arrival.

Professional boxing is almost unknown in the Soviet Union, and the Soviet media have made no mention of Tyson's advent.

But word leaked out in advance, and the 22-year-old boxer told Western reporters who greeted him at the airport that he felt good and hoped to fight his next challenger, British heavyweight Frank Bruno, "in a couple of months."

Their clash was postponed after Tyson broke his hand in a street fight in August. Last week, after he smashed his car into a tree, headliners screamed that he was suicidal.

But in Moscow, Tyson again denied the reports.

The unbeaten champion, who is on his first visit to the Soviet Union and came against doctors' orders, said he hoped to have the cast removed from his broken hand while he was here.

Givens told reporters as they



Tyson emerges from customs at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport. (Reuter wirephoto)



Givens (right) and Tyson acknowledge onlookers at the airport. (Reuter wirephoto)

being filmed in and around Red Square. The programme is about a school in New York for gifted children — many of them misfits.

Last year, Soviet children went to New York for an episode about a quiz competition at the school. It ended in a draw, and the Moscow episode is the rematch.

Pele, meanwhile, arrived to attend the opening in Moscow tomorrow of the Soviet Union's first golf course. The official Tass news agency said he was met at the airport by Lev Yashin, the retired Soviet goalkeeper.

"Pele is still number one for us," an awed Soviet soccer fan said upon hearing that the famed striker had returned to Moscow after an absence of more than 20 years.

Duration

Tyson said he hoped to shed the cast soon.

"Hopefully I can get my cast off while I'm here," he said without giving the duration of his stay.

In New York, in his first interview since his hospitalization, Tyson said on Thursday the suicide report and a charge that he beat his wife were "ridiculous."

Results			
American League			
New York	3	Detroit	2
Boston	7	Cleveland	4
Toronto	8	Baltimore	1
Oakland	14	Kansas City	6
Minnesota	2	Seattle	1
California	5	Texas	3
National League			
Pittsburgh	3	Philadelphia	2
New York	7	Montreal	2
St Louis	6	Chicago	4
Atlanta	5	San Diego	4
Cincinnati	5	Los Angeles	2
Houston	4	San Francisco	3

SPORTS

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European Open

SUNNINGDALE, England, Sept 10. (Reuters): Ian Woosnam broke away from the pack with a six-under-par 64 to snatch a two-shot lead from fellow-Briton and Ryder Cup partner Nick Faldo in the third round of the European Open golf championship today.

McCoist out

GLASGOW, Sept 10. (Reuters): Rangers' striker Ally McCoist yesterday pulled out of Scotland's team for the World Cup European Group Five qualifying tie against Norway in Oslo next Wednesday.

Zina Garrison

NEW YORK, Sept 10. (Reuters): American Zina Garrison, who reached the semifinals of the US Open before losing to Gabriela Sabatini, will represent her country in Wightman Cup and Federation Cup competition, the United States Tennis Association announced yesterday.

Cantona banned

PARIS, Sept 10. (Reuters): The French Football Federation banned striker Eric Cantona from the French national side for the rest of the season yesterday for his vitriolic attack on the team's trainer three weeks ago.

ATP Tour

NEW YORK, Sept 10. (Reuters): Eighty-five of the top 100 ranked men's tennis players have signed a letter of commitment to play on the ATP Tour in 1990, the Association of Tennis Professionals announced yesterday.

Bears' player

CHICAGO, Sept 10. (AP): The National Football League listed Chicago defensive end Richard Dent's 30-day suspension yesterday for violating the League's drug policy and ruled he could play in the Bears' game tomorrow.

Wayne Gretzky

VICTORIA, British Columbia, Sept 10. (AP): Wayne Gretzky and his new team, the Los Angeles Kings, have begun the process of getting to know each other. All eyes were on Gretzky yesterday as he went through a series of medical examinations and fitness tests on the opening day of the King's training camp.

Former president

SEOUL, Sept 10. (Reuters): Former South Korean president Chun Doo Hwan said today he would stay away from the Seoul Olympic opening ceremony to forestall protests by disgruntled countrymen, officials here said.

E. German defector

SEOUL, Sept 10. (Reuters): East German defector Jens-Peter Berndt's chances of competing in the Seoul Olympics were cast into doubt today after an official protest by his former country.

Two-way tie

FRANKLIN, Wis., Sept 10. (Reuters): Dave Barr of Canada and American Jim Gallagher tied for the second-round lead in the Greater Milwaukee Open golf tournament yesterday with 10-under-par scores of 134.

RESULTS of Stratton Bridge Club game held on Friday:
1. Ahmed Tawil & M. Ameen
2. Sherif B. & Dr. Bayoumi
3. Mrs F. Farah & M. Mesdari

SOUTHAMPTON AND NORWICH ONLY TEAMS WITH 100 PER CENT RECORD

Liverpool fight back to hold Villa to draw

LONDON, Sept 10. (Reuters): Liverpool, who swept imperiously to the English Soccer League title last season, were held to a 1-1 draw away to First Division newcomers Aston Villa in the third match of their title defence today.

Villa, promoted from Division Two at the end of last season, jolted Liverpool with a 39th-minute goal from striker Alan McNally, who scored twice when they pulled off a 3-2 triumph over Arsenal last weekend.

Equalised

But Liverpool, who won their opening two matches, salvaged a point when Ray Houghton equalised from a quick-taken free kick midway through the second half.

Paul Gascoigne, Tottenham's £2 million (\$3.44 million) close-season midfield signing from Newcastle, marked his home debut with an unusual goal against London rivals Arsenal, who won 3-2.

Gascoigne, named in England's squad for a friendly against Denmark at Wembley next week, lost his right boot on the edge of the box but ran on and used his stockinged foot to steer the ball home from an acute



Robson: got the winner for United

angle. Unfashionable Southampton and Norwich are the only teams with a 100 per cent winning

record after three matches, having beaten Luton 2-1 and Queen's Park Rangers 1-0 respectively.

Southampton, who have never won the League title, were fired by a six-minute goal from striker Paul Rideout, his third goal this season since returning from Italian side Bari.

The home side clung to their lead until the 78th minute when centre-back Steve Foster equalised, but Rodney Wallace responded by hitting the winner four minutes later.

Skipper Micki Phelan was the hero of Norwich's home success, scoring the decisive goal after 83 minutes against a struggling Rangers team who have yet to find the net this season.

Villa's compelling start on their return to the First Division was sustained against a Liverpool team who left their England forward Peter Beardsley on the substitutes' bench and gave Ian Rush his first full League game since rejoining the club from Juventus last month.

Rush, who played up front with John Aldridge, had a goal disallowed and also hit a post, but the champions were often harassed out of possession by an eager Villa side.

Gascoigne's debut goal came towards the end of a pulsating first half that contained all five goals in the clash between the

London arch-rivals

Manchester United, seeking both to win the championship for the first time since 1966-67 and emerge from Liverpool's shadow, overcame Middlesbrough 1-0 for their first League win of the season.

England captain Bryan Robson struck the winner in the 70th minute from a pinpoint cross by Brian McClair, who shortly after had a header brilliantly saved by Steve Pears, a former United goalkeeper.

Results

English Division One	
Aston Villa	1
Charlton	0
Derby	2
Everton	1
Manchester U.	1
Norwich	1
Sheffield Wed.	1
Southampton	2
Tottenham	2
Wimbledon	0
West Ham	1

English Division Two	
Brighton	1
Chelsea	1
Hull	0
Leeds	1
Leicester	0
Oldham	4
Shrewsbury	1
Stoke	0
Sunderland	0
Walsall	0
Watford	3
Wolves	0

Playing tomorrow: Swindon v Portsmouth

English Division Three	
Barnford	2
Bristol	2
Bury	0
Cardiff	3
Chester	2
Chesham	2
Gillingham	0
Grimsby	3
Lincoln	1
Mansfield	0
Northampton	3
Portsmouth	1
Reading	1
Sheff Wed	1
Southend	0
Swansea	1

English Division Four	
Barnley	0
Cambridge U.	1
Carlisle	1
Darlington	2
Exeter	1
Leyton	1
Lincoln	2
Rotherham	2
Scarborough	3
Southport	1
Torquay	2
Wrexham	1
Wolves	1
Woking	1
Worcester	1
Wye	1

Scottish Division One	
Airdrie	1
Ayr	0
Clyde	0
Dundee	0
Dundee U.	0
Forfar	3
Meadowbank	2
Morton	1
St. Johnstone	1

Scottish Division Two	
Albion	1
Dumfries	0
East Fife	0
East Stirling	0
Montrose	0
Stirling	0
Stirling Albion	0
Stirling City	0
Stirling Park	0
Stirling Thistle	0
Stirling United	0
Stirling Waverley	0
Stirling Youth	0
Stirling Zeta	0
Stirling Zeta B	0
Stirling Zeta C	0
Stirling Zeta D	0
Stirling Zeta E	0
Stirling Zeta F	0
Stirling Zeta G	0
Stirling Zeta H	0
Stirling Zeta I	0
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Stirling Zeta N	0
Stirling Zeta O	0
Stirling Zeta P	0
Stirling Zeta Q	0
Stirling Zeta R	0
Stirling Zeta S	0
Stirling Zeta T	0
Stirling Zeta U	0
Stirling Zeta V	0
Stirling Zeta W	0
Stirling Zeta X	0
Stirling Zeta Y	0
Stirling Zeta Z	0

India to consider England tour options

NEW DELHI, Sept 10. (Reuters): The Board of Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) will meet on September 24 to discuss possible alternatives to an England tour which looks set to be cancelled following a controversy over players with South African links.

"We will take a final decision after a meeting on the 24th and 25th nothing until then," BCCI chairman S. Srinivasan said today.

Refusal

England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) has yet to react to India's refusal to issue visas to captain Graham Gooch and other players with South African connections, but Indian cricket officials said the tour was unlikely to go ahead.

Officials would not comment on local press reports that Sri Lanka had already put in a bid to step in and replace England for the tour, scheduled to begin in December.

In London, leading English cricket official Alan Smith virtually admitted yesterday that

the tour would be called off next week.

Smith, chief executive of TCCB, was speaking after getting confirmation of an Indian government statement that it would refuse visas to players with South African links.

Smith said: "I don't see much realistic possibility of the tour taking place. We will not be making a final, absolute statement until after the weekend when we will sit down and consider the possibilities."

Eight members of England's touring team, including Gooch, figure on a United Nations 'blacklist' of sportsmen who have had links with racially-segregated South Africa.

Smith's statement came after he spoke to the Indian High Commission in London.

Rajesh Brasad, cultural first secretary at the High Commission, had confirmed, after receiving notification from New Delhi, that Gooch and the other seven players would be refused visas.

He told reporters: "We have been told players with South

African connections must not be granted visas. It is clear from that that we will not grant visas to Gooch, (John) Emburey, (Allan) Lamb and the other five players known to have played cricket in South Africa."

The remaining five are Kim Barnett, Rob Bailey, Tim Robinson, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport.

It was the statement by a spokesman for India's External Affairs Ministry that effectively scuppered the tour.

Confirmation

The spokesman said: "We must make it abundantly clear that we would not permit entry into India for the purposes of the tour any player having, or likely to have, sporting links with South Africa."

Smith, explaining why England's tour had not formally been cancelled, said: "I would like to see the Indian government's policy in writing. I still need absolute confirmation but I am not stupid enough or naive enough not to see the writing on

the wall.

"I am bitterly disappointed. I am sure anyone who has got any interest in cricket would be disappointed."

Smith added: "We have acted perfectly in accord with the practices of the International Cricket Conference (ICC). It is the right of every governing body to choose their side."

Smith hinted at a rare winter of inactivity for England's top cricketers, saying: "There are no obvious alternative possibilities. Other countries are committed and there are no gaps in the schedules."

The ICC are holding a special meeting at Lord's in January to try and resolve the vexed issue of players with South African connections, and Smith said: "I hope we see a resolution and I hope it is the last time that we go through such conflict."

"But it isn't necessarily the ICC who can resolve the problem — it is governments that issue visas. I hope the cricket boards can find a way round this external problem but it won't be easy."

Minster Son springs surprise

DONCASTER, England, Sept 10. (Reuters): Minster Son, bred and ridden by veteran jockey Willie Carson, sprang a surprise in the English St Leger today, beating strongly fancied Diminution by a length.

Starting at 15-2, Minster Son held on in a desperate finish in driving rain from the 7-4 on favourite with Sheriff's Star (7-2) eight lengths away in third.

Only six runners contested the final classic of the English season run over 14-1/2 furlongs but it was a stirring affair.

It was Carson's third success in the Leger and the fifth for the stable of trainer Dick Hern.

Hern was watching the classic from his hospital bed where he is recovering from a heart operation.

Wilander routs Cahill for US Open final

NEW YORK, Sept 10. (Reuters): Second seed Mats Wilander today ended the surprise run of Australian Darren Cahill 6-4 6-4 6-2 to reach his second straight US Open final and his third Grand Slam final of the year.

Wilander, champion of France and Australia, needed just two hours to finish off Cahill, ranked 33rd in the world.

Played
The second-ranked Swede will face the winner of the day's other semifinal between top seed Ivan Lendl, who beat him in last year's final, and fourth seed Andre Agassi. That match was to be played after the women's final on 'Super Saturday,' at the National Tennis Centre.

Cahill, the lowest ranked player to reach the men's US Open semifinals since the computer rankings system was instituted in 1973, turned in another gutsy performance.

He attacked the net constantly and thrilled the crowd at Louis Armstrong Stadium with charging, lunging, stabbing volleys.

Cahill's serve was off, however, as he delivered only 49 per cent of his first serves on target to 75 per cent for Wilander.



Wilander: played a steady game

der. But both players often had trouble holding serve and breaks seemed to come in bunches — there were 14 in the match.

"The reason there were so many service breaks was because it was really humid and the balls were heavy," Wilander said.

"He tries to kick his serve but nothing happened and I was able

to take advantage. I was broken because I was serving conservatively," Wilander added.

The Swede played his usual steady game, often blazing passing shots past the charging Australian or using lobs to push him back from the net.

Cahill admitted he did not serve well but gave Wilander credit for a well deserved win.

"He didn't give me any free points and he returned serve really well. He played just too good today," said Cahill.

"This week has been the best two weeks of my life," said the 22-year-old from Adelaide, who upset Boris Becker in the second round to start his surprising run to the semifinals.

Wilander had a remarkably soft road to this hardcourt Grand Slam final.

Though he began the tournament in the tougher half-of the draw — with the likes of Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, Miloslav Mecir and John McEnroe — the upsets came fast and furiously.

The highest-ranked player Wilander faced over the past two weeks was Spain's Emilio Sanchez, ranked 21st.

Wilander is the first player since Australian John Newcombe in 1967 to reach the US Open final without facing a seeded player along the way.

Agassi is riding a confidence-boosting 23-match winning streak into his first US Open semifinal.

Giving the Las Vegas 18-year-old an extra boost was his overwhelming performance in blow-

ing out Jimmy Connors in straight sets in the quarterfinals.

"This has pushed me on to another level," the number four seed said afterwards. "I think I've cleared most doubts in people's minds as to whether or not I deserve to be in the top five in the world."

Unlike Cahill, Agassi is familiar both with his opponent and with being in the pressure atmosphere of a Grand Slam semifinal.

Agassi lost to Lendl in their lone career meeting last year. Earlier this year Agassi reached the French Open semifinals before losing to Wilander in five sets.

Understand

"I don't mentally believe that I could have won that match against Wilander because it was my first time there," Agassi said.

"Now it's my second time in the semis of a Slam. I've been there before and now I understand that I can win depending on how things go."

"Against Wilander I was more motivated to go out there and just have a good match. With Ivan I want to go out there and try to win," Agassi said.

Baluchistan turn in fighting performance

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept 10. (Reuters): A Baluchistan Governor's XI turned in a fighting performance against the touring Australian cricketers on the second day of their three-day match today.

At the close they were 196 for seven in reply to Australia's first innings 288 for eight declared. Australia, who had resumed at 232 for six in the morning, added another 36 runs in an hour before declaring as soon as Peter Sleep skied a catch to fine leg for 52.

With openers Shahid Anwar (10) and Sajid Ali (25) gone the home side looked uncomfortable at 39 for two on a wicket that promised to assist the spinners.

After the initial setback Anwar Miandad and Shaikat Mirza steered their side to relative safety putting on 75 for the third wicket before Anwar was out for 32 caught at gully off Craig McDermott as the batsman tried to square-cut.

Mirza and Raees Ahmad then carried the home total to 135 before Mirza was also out soon after tea for 41. Then McDermott claimed Tariq Baluch and Akhtar Hussain cheaply at 159.

Raees, who batted with great authority for his unbeaten 55, put on 24 for the sixth wicket with Zulqarnain.

McDermott finished with

three for 32 in eleven overs while Tony Dodemaide claimed two for 42 in fifteen overs.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings	
D. Jones b Habib Baluch	16
M. Veletta b Aziz Hafiz	17
J. Siddons b Habib Baluch	60
G. Wood c Zulqarnain b Habib Baluch	91
S. Waugh lb Iqbal Qasim	22
P. Sleep c Zulqarnain b Iqbal Qasim	52
I. Healy c Zulqarnain b Aziz Hafiz	11
P. Taylor run out	4
A. Dodemaide not out	3
Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-5 nb-2)	12
Total (for eight wickets declared)	288
Wicketfall: 1-33 2-43 3-157 4-192 5-232 6-249 7-277 8-288	

Baluchistan Governor's XI first

Shahid Anwar c Healy b Dodemaide	32
Sajid Ali c Healy b Dodemaide	25
Shaikat Mirza c Jones b Sleep	41
Anwar Miandad c Siddons b McDermott	32
Raees Ahmad not out	55
Tariq Baluch c Veletta b McDermott	15
Akhtar Hussain b McDermott	9
Zulqarnain c and b Taylor	15
Habib Baluch not out	13
Extras (b-6 lb-4 w-6 nb-6)	13
Total (for seven wickets)	196
Fall of wickets: 1-20 2-39 3-114 4-135 5-159 6-159 7-189	

Hick spurs Worcestershire

LONDON, Sept 10. (Reuters): Another brilliant century by Graeme Hick, whose batting has shone like a beacon through the English cricket season, kept Worcestershire's County Championship ambitions burning brightly yesterday.

Zimbabwe-born Hick scored 121, his ninth first-class hundred of the summer, to inspire Worcestershire to 344 for eight at the close of the opening day of their four-day match against Gloucestershire at Bristol.

Second-pounded Worcestershire are seeking to close a 15-point gap on leaders Kent, who bowled out Middlesex for 290 on the first day of their game at Lord's.

Scores

At Trent Bridge: Derbyshire 327 for seven (J. Morris 106, B. Roberts 54 not out, P. Bowler 50) v Nottinghamshire.

At Hove: Surrey 364 for four (G. Clinton 137 not out, A. Stewart 119) v Sussex.

At Bristol: Worcestershire 344 for eight (G. Hick 121, P. Neale 73 not out, G. Lord 41) v Gloucestershire.

At Edgbaston: Somerset 321 for eight (V. Marks 68, R. Bartlett 67, R. Harden 63, B. Hardy 40) v Warwickshire.

At Cardiff: Glamorgan 259 in 104 overs (A. Butcher 74, A. Cotter 73, M. Maynard 50, K. James three for 54, C. Connor three for 56, R. Maru three for 66), Hampshire 10 for one wicket off six overs.

At Scarborough: Yorkshire 320 in 104 overs (M. Moxon 86, A. Metcalfe 56, I. Love 45, M. Robinson three for 53, R. Williams four for 80), Northamptonshire one for no wicket.

At Chelmsford: Essex 362 for six (A. Stephenson 99, M. Waugh 86, P. Prichard 59) v Leicestershire.

At Lord's: Middlesex 290 in 91.3 overs (J. Carr 92, R. Butcher 59, M. Ramprakash 54, R. Ellison four for 49), Kent 26 for no wicket off 15 overs.

Miandad named Pakistan captain

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 10. (AP): Javed Miandad, Pakistan's renowned batsman and among the top ranking in the world, has been named captain of the Pakistan cricket team for the current three-Test home series against Australia.

Pakistan and Australia will play three Test matches and three one-day internationals in which Miandad will lead the Pakistan cricket team.

Refusal

The first Test begins in Karachi on September 15. Miandad's appointment as captain follows Imran Khan's refusal to play in the home series against Australia on the ground that it is too hot and humid in Pakistan in this part of the year.

Imran had announced that he

was not available for the series earlier this year just after leading Pakistan on the West Indies tour, where Pakistan managed to draw a five Test series. Im